

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
TOURISM  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2374  
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FACILITIES TO PILGRIMAGES CENTRES  
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**Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government proposes to declare Sabarimala as National Pilgrim Centre;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the action taken by Government on the request of Government of Kerala for declaration of Sabarimala as National Pilgrim Centre;
- (d) whether the Government has allocated any funds to provide infrastructure facility and basic amenities at Sabarimala; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

(a) to (e): The development and promotion of various tourism destinations & products is primarily the responsibility of the respective State Government/Union Territory (UT) Administration. The Ministry of Tourism do not declare any tourist destination as National Pilgrimage Centre. The Ministry of Tourism, however, provides Central Financial Assistance (CFA) to various State Governments and Union Territory Administrations for tourism projects prioritised in consultation with them for each financial year, subject to receipt of Detailed Project Report (DPR), availability of funds, inter-se-priority and adherence to scheme guidelines.

No funds have been sanctioned for providing infrastructural facilities and basic amenities at Sabrimala.