

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
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TOURIST AMENITIES IN PILGRIM CENTRES

3067. DR. P. VENUGOPAL:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is implementing tourism infrastructure development plan for pilgrim tourism;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether the Government provides financial assistance to the States for improving tourist amenities in pilgrim centres under the said plan; and**
- (d) if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
(SHRI K.J. ALPHONS)**

(a) to (d): Implementation of Tourism Infrastructure development for Pilgrim Tourism is the responsibility of State Governments/Union Territories. Ministry of Tourism, under the scheme "Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation Drive" (PRASHAD) only provides Central Financial Assistance for infrastructure development and beautification of pilgrimage centres on receipt of suitable DPRs submitted by State Governments/Union Territories, subject to availability of funds, liquidation of pending utilisation certificate against the fund released earlier and adherence to the relevant scheme guidelines.

The scheme aims at infrastructure development such as development/up-gradation of destination entry points viz. passenger terminals (of road, rail and water transport), basic conveniences like tourism Information/Interpretation Centers with ATM/Money

exchange counters, improvement of road connectivity (last mile connectivity), procurement of equipment for eco-friendly modes of transport and equipment for tourist activities such as Light & Sound Show, water/adventure sports, renewable sources of energy for tourist infrastructure, parking facilities, toilets, cloak room facilities, waiting rooms, construction of craft haats/bazars/souvenir shops/cafeteria, rain shelters, watch towers, first aid centres, improvement in communication through establishing telephone booths, mobile services, internet connectivity, Wi-Fi hotspot. In addition, Shoreline development & rejuvenation of natural water bodies have also been included.
