

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.811
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27thJULY, 2023

FUNDS GIVEN TO RELIGIOUS PLACES

811. SHRI SANT BALBIR SINGH:

Will the **MINISTER OF CULTURE** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is providing or has provided any funds to the Gurudwaras and temple trusts in the country;
- (b) if so, the funds allocated to various Gurudwaras and temple trusts in the country since 2018, trust-wise, year-wise and scheme-wise details thereof;
- (c) whether there has been any directive or conditionality about the need to promote Government programmes in the State of Punjab for release of the fund, if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the funds allocated to worshipping centres of religious minorities since 2018, trust-wise, year-wise and scheme-wise details thereof?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF CULTURE, TOURISM AND DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN
REGION
(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)**

- (a) Yes Sir. The Ministry of Culture administers two schemes by the name of 'Financial Assistance for Allied Cultural Activities' and 'Seva BhojYojana' under which financial assistance is provided to various religious organizations including Gurudwaras and Temple Trusts.
- (b) The details of funds released under 'Financial Assistance for Allied Cultural Activities' and 'Seva BhojYojana' is given at Annexure-I and Annexure-II respectively.
- (c) Ministry of Culture has issued guidelines under the above mentioned two schemes for release of funds to the eligible beneficiaries situated across the country including the State of Punjab so as to meet and promote the objectives of these schemes.

- (d) Under 'Seva BhojYojana', funds have been released to Sikh Gurudwara Parbhandak Committee (SGPC) as per the following details:-

Sl. No.	Financial Year	Name of Religious Institution	Amount Released (Rs. in lakhs)
1.	2019-20	Sikh Gurudwara Parbhandak Committee (SGPC), Amritsar	171.00
2.	2020-21	-do-	162.65
3.	2021-22	-do-	149.83
4.	2022-23	-do-	140.44
5.	2023-24 (as on 24 th July, 2023)	-do-	142.12

Other than these as mentioned, no other eligible proposal has been received by the Ministry.

Annexure referred to in reply to Part (b) of the Rajya Sabha Unstarred Q. No. 811 due for answer on 27-07-2023.

Name of Scheme 'Financial Assistance for Allied Cultural Activities'

Sl. No.	Name of organization	Project Site	Financial Year 2018-19	Financial year 2019-20
			Funds Released (Rs. In lakhs)	Funds Released (Rs. In lakhs)
1.	Varanasi Smart City Limited (VSCL), Varanasi	ShriKashiVishwanath Temple, Varanasi.	90.00	-
2.	Varanasi Smart City Limited (VSCL), Varanasi	Ghats of Varanasi.	90.00	-
3.	Department of Culture, Govt. of Uttarakhand	Har Ki Pauri, Haridwar, Uttrakhand	45.11	35.88
4.	Department of Culture, Govt. of Uttarakhand	Kedarnath Trek, Uttrakhand	33.41	26.58
5.	Department of Culture, Govt. of Uttarakhand	Kedar Valley, Uttrakhand	30.07	23.92
6.	Department of Culture, Govt. of Uttarakhand	Swami Narayan Ghat, Rishikesh.	42.70	33.97
7.	Department of Culture, Govt. of Uttarakhand	ParmarthNiketan, Rishikesh	45.11	35.88
8.	Department of Culture, Govt. of Uttarakhand	Yamunotri Temple, Uttrakhand	33.41	26.58
9.	Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board, J&K	Adhkuwari to Bhawan via Himkoti Marg.	47.04	37.43
10.	Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board, J&K	BanGangaDarshaniDeodi to Adhkuwari via TarakoteMarg	50.12	39.87
11.	Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board, J&K	BanGangaDarshaniDeodi to SanjhiChhat via old track	50.12	39.87
12.	Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board, J&K	SanjhiChhat to Bhawan and GomiBhawan to SanjhiChhat via Bharion track	50.12	39.87
13.	Gujarat PavitraYatradhamVikas Board	i) Shamlaji Temple, National Highway 8, Samalaji. ii) Bahucharaji Temple, BechrajiMehsana.	50.12	39.87

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14.	Gujarat PavitraYatradhamVikas Board	i) Somnath, PrabhasPatan, Veraval, Gujarat. ii) Dwarka, DevBhoomiDwarka Gujarat.	50.12	39.87
15.	Gujarat PavitraYatradhamVikas Board	i) Ambaji temple, Banashaktha, Gujarat; ii) Mahakali Temple, Panchmahal, Gujarat.	50.12	39.87
16.	Devasthan Management Committee, Kolhapur.	ShriKarveerniwasini Temple	44.59	35.48
17.	Temple Officer, Mata Chintpurni Temple, Una.	Mata Chintpurni Temple, Chintpurni, Una,	43.20	34.37
18.	ShriJwalamukhi Temple Trust, Jwalamukhi.	ShriJwalamukhi Temple, Jwalamukhi.	50.12	39.87
19.	ShriChamundaNandikeshwar Temple Trust	ShriChamundaNandikeshwar Temple	45.51	36.21
20.	Temple Trust ShriNaina Devi Ji, Distt.-Bilaspur.	ShriNaina Devi Ji, Distt.-Bilaspur	39.21	31.19
21.	ShriMahamayaBalasundariJi Temple Trust	ShriMahamayaBalasundariJi, Trilokpur.	37.38	29.74
22.	ShriSidh Baba BalakNath Temple Trust, HP	ShriSidh Baba BalakNath Temple, Hamirpur	42.42	33.79
23.	CEO, kurukshetra Development Board, Brahma Sarovar, kurukshetra, Haryana	Live audio video broadcasting of cultural & spiritual activities.	-	54.00

Note: No suitable proposals have been received for the financial year 2020-21, 2021-22, 2022-23 and 2023-24 (as on 24th July, 2023) under the scheme of 'Allied Cultural Activities'.

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Name of the Scheme 'Seva Bhoj Yojana'

(Rs.in lakhs)

Sl. No.	Financial Year	Name of Organizations	Fund Released
1.	2019-2020	Sikh GurudwaraParbandhak Committee (SGPC), Amritsar	195.90
		TirumalaTirupatiDevasthanams, Tirupati,	
		Sri VenkateswaraAnnaprasadam Trust, Tirupati	
2.	2020-2021	Sikh GurudwaraParbandhak Committee (SGPC)	169.00
		Dreams & Beauty Charitable Trust, Ludhiana	
		Durgiana Temple, Amritsar	
3.	2021-2022	Sikh GurudwaraParbandhak Committee (SGPC)	154.00
		Dreams & Beauty Charitable Trust, Ludhiana	
		Durgiana Temple, Amritsar	
4.	2022-2023	Sikh GurudwaraParbandhak Committee (SGPC)	143.00
		Dreams & Beauty Charitable Trust, Ludhiana	
		Durgiana Temple, Amritsar	
5.	2023-2024 (as on 24th July, 2023)	Sikh GurudwaraParbandhak Committee (SGPC)	146.00
		Durgiana Temple, Amritsar	
