

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM

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DEVELOPMENT OF SPIRITUAL CENTRES IN KERALA UNDER PRASHAD SCHEME

3828 SMT. JEBI MATHER HISHAM:

Will the Minister of **TOURISM** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether State Government of Kerala has submitted proposals for development of spiritual centres under PRASHAD scheme, if so, the details thereof; and
- (b) whether the Central Government has approved any proposals submitted by the State Government of Kerala under the scheme, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM

(SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a) to (b): The Ministry of Tourism under the “Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation Drive” (PRASHAD) provides financial assistance to the State Governments and Union Territory Administrations for development of tourism infrastructure at identified pilgrimage destinations.

No proposal for development of spiritual centres in Kerala is presently under the consideration of the Ministry of Tourism under the PRASHAD Scheme. Receiving proposals from the State Governments/UT Administrations for financial assistance for tourism projects is a continuous process. The proposals received are examined with reference to the prescribed guidelines and financial assistance is extended for such projects subject to fulfilment of the stipulated conditions and availability of funds.

However, the Ministry of Tourism has sanctioned a project named “Development at Guruvayur Temple” at a cost of Rs.45.19 crore under the PRASHAD Scheme in 2016-17 and the said project is complete.
