

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.775
ANSWERED ON 21.11.2016**

FUNDS SANCTIONED UNDER PRASAD SCHEME

775. SHRI K.C. VENUGOPAL:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) the funds sanctioned and utilised under PRASAD scheme for the integrated development of pilgrimage destinations in a planned, prioritised and sustainable manner to various States including Kerala;**
- (b) whether the Government has included Sabarimala and Guruvayur under PRASAD scheme for the development of these popular pilgrim centres;**
- (c) if so the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and**
- (d) the reaction of the Government in this regard?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)

(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

(a) to (d): The details of funds sanctioned and utilised under the PRASAD Scheme (National Mission on Pilgrimage Rejuvenation And Spiritual Augmentation Drive) since its launch in 2014-15 to various State Governments is annexed.

The Ministry has identified Guruvayur in Kerala as one of the 23 sites for development under PRASAD Scheme in 2016-17.

The Ministry of Tourism has also launched Swadesh Darshan scheme in 2014-15 for integrated development of theme based tourist circuits in the country. Under the Scheme the Ministry has sanctioned following two projects for development of Sabarimala in Kerala:

- (i) 'Development of Sabarimala -Erumeli-Pampa-Sannidhanam as a Spiritual Circuit in District Pathanamthitta', in Kerala with Central Financial Assistance of Rs.99.99 crore.**
- (ii) 'Development of Sree Padmanabha Arnamura-Sabarimala-as a Spiritual Circuit' in Kerala with Central Financial Assistance of Rs.92.44 crore.**

ANNEXURE**STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.775 ANSWERED ON 21.11.2016 REGARDING FUNDS SANCTIONED UNDER PRASAD SCHEME.**

State wise details of funds sanctioned under PRASAD Scheme during the year 2014-15, 2015-16 & 2016-17:

(Rs. in Crore)

Sl. No.	Name of the project	Amt. Sanctioned	Amt. Released
	2014-15		
	BIHAR		
1.	Development of basic facilities at Vishnupad temple, Gaya, Bihar	4.27	2.14
	UTTAR PRADESH		
2.	Development of Mathura-Vrindavan as Mega Tourist Circuit (Ph-II)	14.93	2.99
3.	Construction of Tourist Facilitation Centre at Vrindavan, Distt. Mathura	9.36	1.76
	ODISHA		
4.	Infrastructure Development at Puri, Shree Jagannath Dham- Ramachandi-Prachi River front at Deuli under Mega Circuit	50.00	10.00
	Total	78.56	16.89
	2015-16		
	PUNJAB		
1.	Development of Karuna Sagar Valmiki Sthal at Amritsar	6.45	3.23
	RAJASTHAN		
2.	Integrated Development of Pushkar/Ajmer	40.44	8.09
	ASSAM		
3.	Development of Kamakhya Temple and Pilgrimage Destination in and around Guwahati	33.98	6.80
	ANDHRA PRADESH		
4.	Development of Amaravati Town, Guntur District as a Tourist Destination	28.36	14.18

	BIHAR		
5.	Development at Patna Sahib	41.54	20.77
	UTTAR PRADESH		
6.	Development of Varanasi	20.40	4.08
	UTTARAKHAND		
7.	Integrated Development of Kedarnath	34.78	17.39
	Total	205.95	74.54
	2016-17		
	GUJARAT		
1.	Development of Dwarka	26.23	5.25
	TAMILNADU		
2.	Development of Kanchipuram	16.48	3.30
3.	Development of Velankanni	5.60	1.12
	Total	48.31	9.67
