

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.†2441
ANSWERED ON 31.07.2017**

DEVELOPMENT OF SEVAGRAM

†2441. SHRI RAMDAS C. TADAS:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any plan to develop Pawnar and Sevagram in Wardha, the places which have been associated with Gandhiji and Vinoba Bhave on the lines of Sabarmati Ashram; and**
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the scheme proposed to beautify and facilitate the said two places for the foreign tourists?**

ANSWER

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

(a) to (b): Developing plans for any tourist spots is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments and Union Territories including the State Government of Maharashtra.

The State Government of Maharashtra has informed that they have approved the development plan for Pawnar and Sevagram in Wardha, the places which have been associated with Gandhiji and Vinoba Bhave.

Under this plan in 2016-17, Rs.25.00 crore has been released and Rs.93.80 crore has been further allocated for 2017-18. The development plan includes works on construction, visitor facilities, improvement, repairs, infrastructure, refurbishment, heritage conservation, urban development works, environment & ecology, basic amenities at Sevagram Ashram, Yatri Niwas, Wardha City, Pawnar and Sevagram, Wardha Region, etc.
