

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.794
ANSWERED ON 23.07.2018**

SETTING UP OF TOURISM HUBS

794. SHRI GURJEET SINGH AUJLA:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to set up tourism hubs in Punjab;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether the Government has received any proposal from the State Government in this regard; and**
- (d) if so, the details along with the present status thereof and the action taken by the Government on such proposals?**

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d): The Ministry under its schemes of Swadesh Darshan- Integrated development of theme based tourist circuits and PRASHAD- National Mission on Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation Drive provides central financial assistance to State Governments/UT Administrations/Central Agencies for development of tourism infrastructure in the country. Submission of proposals by State Governments/UT Administrations under the schemes is a continuous process and projects are sanctioned subject to availability of funds, submission of suitable detailed project reports, adherence to scheme guidelines and utilization of funds released earlier.

Under PRASHAD Scheme, Ministry has sanctioned the project in Punjab 'Development of Karuna Sagar Valmiki Sthal at Amritsar' in 2015-16 for Rs.6.45 crores. The project has been completed in March 2018.

In addition to above, 'Development of Anandpur Sahib – Fatehgarh Sahib – Chamkaur Sahib – Ferozpur – Amritsar – Khatkar Kalan – Kalanour - Patiala in Punjab under Heritage Circuit Theme of Swadesh Darshan Scheme' for Rs.99.96 crores is under consideration.
