

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.975
ANSWERED ON 17.12.2018**

NATIONAL PILGRIM CENTRES

975. PROF. SAUGATA ROY:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of existing National Pilgrim Tourism Centres in the country;**
- (b) whether the Government has any proposal to declare more pilgrim centres as National Pilgrim Centre;**
- (c) if so, the details thereof;**
- (d) whether any State Government has proposed/requested for such an inclusion; and**
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon?**

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b): Ministry of Tourism neither declares any spot as National Pilgrim Tourism Centres nor does it maintain any list of such Centres. However, Ministry of Tourism, under the schemes viz., Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD) and "Integrated Development of Theme Based Tourist Circuit in the Country, Swadesh Darshan (SD)" provides Central Financial Assistance for infrastructure development and beautification of tourist spots on receipt of suitable DPRs submitted by State Governments/Union Territories, subject to availability of funds, liquidation of pending utilisation certificate against the fund released earlier and adherence to the relevant scheme guidelines.

(c) to (e): Does not arise.
