

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.†217  
ANSWERED ON 04.02.2019**

**DEVELOPMENT OF RELIGIOUS PLACES IN TRIBAL AREAS**

**†217. SHRI ASHOK MAHADEORAO NETE:**

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

- (a) whether the Government has taken/proposes to take any steps to develop religious places Devsthan situated in tribal dominated areas of the country as tourist places especially in Maharashtra;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether the Government proposes to include the religious place of markhanda devsthan in Chamorshi Taluka under Gadchiroli-Chimur parliamentary constituency of Maharashtra in the central list of tourists spots and develop this religious place situated in tribal area as tourist destination; and**
- (d) if so, the details thereof?**

**ANSWER**

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

**(a) & (b): Development of religious places is the responsibility of respective State Governments/Union Territories. 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)" only 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. However, details of places/destinations selected for development including Tribal dominated areas under PRASHAD Scheme of the Ministry, in consultation with the respective State Governments is annexed.**

**(c) & (d): No such proposal for development of religious place in tribal dominated areas in Maharashtra including Markhanda Devsthan in Chamorshi Taluk under Gadchiroli –Chimur Parliamentary Constituency of Maharashtra has been received from State Government of Maharashtra. However, for the State of Maharashtra, Ministry of Tourism has approved the project “Development of Trimbakeshwar” in the year 2017-18 at the cost of Rs.37.81 Crore under PRASHAD Scheme.**

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**ANNEXURE****STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) & (b) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.†217 ANSWERED ON 04.02.2019 REGARDING DEVELOPMENT OF RELIGIOUS PLACES IN TRIBAL AREAS**

**Detail of religious places/destinations in Tribal dominated areas selected for development under PRASHAD Scheme.**

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>States</b>	<b>Selected Religious places</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Arunachal Pradesh</b>	<b>• Parshuramkund Temple, Lohit District</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Tripura</b>	<b>• Tripura Sundari Temple in Agartala</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Meghalaya</b>	<b>• Charantala Durga Temple, West Garo Hills District • Nartiang Temple, West Jaintia Hills District, • Nongsawlia Presbyterian Church, East Khasi Hills District • Aitnar Sacred Pool for Behdeinkhlam Festival, West Jaintia Hills District</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Mizoram</b>	<b>• Aizwal District for development at Durtlong Hill Monuments, • Kidron Valley, Dawrpui Old Church, • Khawruhlian, Baktawng, Changsilikai and Serkaw in Siaha District</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Nagaland</b>	<b>• St. Mary's Cathedral, Kohima District • Molungkimong, Mokokchung, District • Aizuto, Zunheboto District • Noksen, Tunesang District</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>Chhattisgarh</b>	<b>Maa Bamleswhwari Devi Temple, Dongargarh, District Rajnandgaon</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>Himachal Pradesh</b>	<b>Maa Chintpurni Temple, District Una.</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>Haryana</b>	<b>Gurudwara Nada Saheb, Panchkula</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>Karnataka</b>	<b>Chamundesheari Devi Temple, Mysuru</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>Kerala</b>	<b>• Guruvayur Temple • St. Thomas International Shrine, Malayattoor • Cheraman JUma Mosque, Thrissur</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>Madhya Pradesh</b>	<b>• Amarkantak • Omkareshwar</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>Andhra</b>	<b>• Amaravati</b>

	<b>Pradesh</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Srisailam</b></li> </ul>
<b>13</b>	<b>Uttarakhand</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Kedarnath</b></li> <li>• <b>Badrinath</b></li> <li>• <b>Gangotri</b></li> <li>• <b>Yamunetri</b></li> </ul>
<b>14</b>	<b>Bihar</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Vishnupad Temple, Gaya</b></li> <li>• <b>Patna Sahib</b></li> </ul>
<b>15</b>	<b>Assam</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Kamakhya Temple, Guwahati</b></li> </ul>
<b>16</b>	<b>Jammu &amp; Kashmir</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Hazratbal, Srinagar</b></li> <li>• <b>Katra, Jammu</b></li> </ul>
<b>17</b>	<b>Gujrat</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Dwarka</b></li> <li>• <b>Somnath</b></li> </ul>
<b>18</b>	<b>Maharashtra</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Trimbakeshwar</b></li> </ul>
<b>19</b>	<b>Uttar Pradesh</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Varanasi</b></li> <li>• <b>Mathura</b></li> </ul>
<b>20</b>	<b>Tamil Nadu</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Kancheepuram</b></li> <li>• <b>Vellankani</b></li> </ul>
<b>21</b>	<b>Jharkhand</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Baba Baidyanathji Dham, Deoghar</b></li> <li>• <b>Parasnath</b></li> </ul>
<b>22</b>	<b>Odisha</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Puri</b></li> </ul>
<b>23</b>	<b>Rajasthan</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ajmer-Pushkar</b></li> </ul>
<b>24</b>	<b>West Bengal</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Belur math</b></li> </ul>
<b>25</b>	<b>Punjab</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Karunasagar, Amritsar</b></li> </ul>

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