GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF TOURISM

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3533 ANSWERED ON 15.07.2019

TOURISM PROJECTS IN PUNJAB

3533. DR. AMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether tourism projects in Punjab including Fatehgarh Sahib has been approved by the Government under Swadesh Darshan Scheme;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including sites of projects, costs, current status;
- (c) whether the progress of works has been held up due to nonrelease of funds by the Government;
- (d) whether the Government has received the request from State Government of Punjab for expediting the release of funds under the scheme;
- (e) if so, the details thereof and action taken thereon; and
- (f) the steps taken/being taken by the Government for development of Fatehgarh Sahib as international tourist circuit?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL)

(a) to (f): The Ministry of Tourism sanctioned the project "Development of Anandpur Sahib – Fatehgarh Sahib – Chamkaur Sahib – Ferozpur – Amritsar – Khatkar Kalan – Kalanour - Patiala in Punjab" for Rs.99.95 crore in the year 2018-19 under the Heritage Circuit theme of Swadesh Darshan Scheme. The project covers Beautification and Development of Tourist Infrastructure like Tourist Interpretation Centre, Cafeteria, Kiosks, Parking, Signages, Illumination, Landscaping, WiFi and CCTV cameras and other tourist amenities at Anandgarh Takhat, Virasat-e-Khalsa, Samadhi of

Shahid Udham Singh, Jajah Haveli of Diwan Todar Mal, Mir Miran Tomb, Aam Khas Bagh, Gurudwara Shri Jyoti Swaroop, Sanghol, Gadi Sahib Gurudwara, Saragarhi Memorial, Kalanour, Takht-e-Akbari, Quila Mubarak, Sheesh Mahal etc.

As per the Swadesh Darshan scheme guidelines, the first installment of funds is released after submission of work orders, good for construction Detailed Project Report with statuary approvals from respective agencies for construction initiation for the entire project. The above documents from the Government of Punjab are awaited.

No funds have been released by the Ministry under the project.
