

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.†4193
ANSWERED ON 27.03.2023**

LINKING OF PILGRIMAGES OF HINGOLI

†4193.SHRI HEMANT SRIRAM PATIL:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to develop religious tourism by linking the pilgrimages of Hingoli Parliamentary constituency with each other and to develop these pilgrimages to increase and promote tourism; and**
- (b) if so, the details of the financial outlay and status of the proposal thereof?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM

(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

(a) & (b): Development of tourism is primarily the responsibility of the concerned State Government/Union Territory Administration (UTA), however, the Ministry of Tourism (MoT) provides Financial Assistance to State Governments/Union Territory Administrations/Central Agencies for development of tourism infrastructure in the country under its ongoing Schemes of Swadesh Darshan, Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD) and Assistance to Central Agencies. Submission of proposals and sanctioning of projects under the above mentioned schemes is a continuous process which is done in consultation with the respective State Government/UTA/ Central Agency and is subject to availability of funds, receipt of suitable detailed project reports, adherence to scheme guidelines, performance of ongoing projects and utilization of funds released earlier etc. Based on the above, MoT has approved 2 projects under Swadesh Darshan scheme, 1 project under PRASHAD Scheme, and 3 projects under Assistance to Central Agencies Scheme in the State of Maharashtra. Proposal for development of Hingoli, Maharashtra has not been received from Tourism Department, Government of Maharashtra.
