

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1624  
ANSWERED ON 31.07.2023**

**DEVELOPMENT OF BHIMKUND AS TOURIST PLACE**

**1624. SHRI VISHNU DATT SHARMA:**

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

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal to declare and develop Bhimkund in Chhatarpur district of Madhya Pradesh as a tourist place, giving its historical importance;**
- (b) if so, the efforts being made to restore and re-develop the Bhimkund from its present dilapidated condition; and**
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?**

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF TOURISM**

**(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)**

**(a) to (c): Development of Tourism is primarily the responsibility of the respective State Government/Union Territory Administration. However, the Ministry of Tourism under its schemes of 'Swadesh Darshan' and 'Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD)' provides financial assistance to the State Governments/UTAs in consultation with them subject to adherence of scheme guidelines, availability of funds etc. for development of tourism infrastructure in the country.**

**The State Government of Madhya Pradesh has informed that there is no provision in State Tourism Department for declaring any place/destination as tourist place. However, a project has been prepared & sanctioned for restoration & development of Bhimkund. The major components of the project includes Safety Railings for Security, Restoration of existing steps, Sit outs, Katha Manch, Landscaping and Beautification, Approach Road, Entry Gate, Restoration of Kund, Toilets, Drinking water facility, 10 shops for local vendors and Signage. The Department of Tourism, Government of Madhya Pradesh has sanctioned ₹484.47 lakhs for execution of these components.**

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