

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1656
ANSWERED ON 31.07.2023**

FUNDS ALLOCATED TO WEST BENGAL UNDER PRASHAD SCHEME

1656.SHRI RAJU BISTA:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that out of the total funds allocated to West Bengal under the PRASHAD scheme none of the funds have been utilized;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether the Ministry has issued any notification to the State Government which has not yet utilized the funds under PRASHAD Scheme;**
- (d) the steps taken by the Government in order to ensure time-bound utilization of funds; and**
- (e) whether the Government has received any proposals from the West Bengal Government for addition of tourist destinations to PRASHAD scheme?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM

(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

(a) to (e): Based on the proposal received from the State Government of West Bengal, Ministry of Tourism has sanctioned a project 'Development of Belur Math' in West Bengal under PRASHAD Scheme for an amount of Rs.30.03 Crore in the year 2016-17. An amount of Rs.23.39 Crore has been released by the Ministry and the state has submitted Utilisation certificate for Rs.22.83 Crore so far. The progress of the project is monitored by monthly progress reports, review meetings, site visits and regular correspondence etc.
