

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CULTURE  
LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1665  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.03.2020

**RELIGIOUS SITES IDENTIFIED UNDER SEVA BHOJ YOJANA**

1665: **SHRI NARANBHAI KACHHADIYA:**

**SHRI PRADEEP KUMAR SINGH:**

Will the MINISTER OF CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of religious sites identified under Seva Bhoj Yojna;
- (b) the manner in which the culture of the country is likely to be benefited by this;
- (c) the details of the likely achievements of the said scheme;
- (d) whether it is beneficial for the culture of the country; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE (IC) FOR CULTURE AND TOURISM  
(SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL)**

- (a) So far 09 (Nine) Charitable / Religious Institutions have been found eligible under Seva Bhoj Yojna.
- (b) Under Seva Bhoj Yojna, the beneficiary organizations are involved in free and philanthropic distribution of food thus emphasising the importance of service irrespective of religion, caste and social status which are deeply embedded in Indian culture. Therefore, the scheme of Seva Bhoj Yojna promotes and preserves the ethos of Indian culture.
- (c) An expenditure of Rs. 2.14 crores as reimbursement of Central Goods and Services Tax (CGST) and Central Government's share of Integrated Goods and Services Tax (IGST) has been incurred in the financial year 2019-20. Depending upon the number of organizations found eligible under the scheme guidelines, the budget for the financial year 2020-21 will be enhanced accordingly.
- (d) Yes sir.
- (e) Same as (b) above.

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