

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.†2172  
ANSWERED ON 08.03.2021**

**DEVELOPMENT OF SHIRDI DHAM**

**†2172. SHRI SADASHIV KISAN LOKHANDE:**

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

- (a) whether the Government has taken or proposes to take any steps to develop the world famous Shirdi Dham and Shani Shingnapur located in Ahmednagar District of Maharashtra State for the tourists and to include them in the list of Central tourist places; and**
- (b) if so, the details thereof?**

**ANSWER**

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

**(a) to (b): Development and maintenance of religious / spiritual and other tourist places is the responsibility of respective State Governments/Union Territories. Declaration of any place at tourist spot, does not comes under the work allocation of the Ministry of Tourism. However, Ministry of Tourism, under its schemes viz. Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD) and "Integrated Development of Theme Based Tourist Circuit in the Country, Swadesh Darshan (SD)" provides Central Financial Assistance for development of tourism infrastructure and beautification at the religious / spiritual and other tourist destinations on suitable proposals and Detailed Project Reports from the respective State Governments/Union Territories in adherence with the guidelines of these schemes and subject to availability of funds, utilisation of funds released earlier, completion of the projects sanctioned by the Ministry earlier to the State/UT. No proposal for development of Shirdi Dham and Shani Shingnapur located in Ahmednagar District of Maharashtra is under consideration in the Ministry of Tourism.**

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