

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.†3204
ANSWERED ON 15.03.2021**

DEVELOPMENT OF SITAMARHI

†3204. SHRI SUNIL KUMAR PINTU:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is considering to construct Janaki Mandir at the birth place of Sita Mata, Sitamarhi, Bihar on the lines of Ram Mandir being constructed in Ayodhya and develop Sitamarhi on the lines of Ayodhya;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and**
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?**

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c): Development and maintenance of religious / spiritual and other tourist places is the responsibility of respective State Governments/Union Territories. 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 of the religious / spiritual and other tourist destinations on receipt of 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. Ministry of Tourism does not provide any financial assistance for construction of any place of worship under any of its schemes.
