

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1363
ANSWERED ON 06.12.2021**

**TOURISM PROJECTS APPROVED UNDER SWADESH DARSHAN SCHEME IN
PUNJAB**

1363. DR. AMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the projects approved under Swadesh Darshan scheme in Punjab have received the second instalment of funds upon completion of the first phase and if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) whether the first phase of the development projects has been completed successfully or not, in light of the stalling of construction during the COVID-19 lockdown period;**
- (c) whether the Government is open to the proposal of including Shri Fatehgarh Sahib in the international religious tourism circuit and if so, the details of the application process; and**
- (d) the details of steps, if any, taken by the Government for the development of Shri Fatehgarh Sahib in the international tourist circuit during the last three years?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF TOURISM

(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

(a) and (b): The Ministry of Tourism has sanctioned a project 'Development of Anandpur Sahib – Fatehgarh Sahib – Chamkaur Sahib – Ferozpur – Amritsar – Khatkar Kalan – Kalanour – Patiala in Punjab under Swadesh Darshan Scheme for an amount of Rs. 91.55 Crore in the year 2018-19, which is under various stages of implementation. The Ministry of Tourism has released Rs. 23.83 Crore as first instalment to 'Punjab Heritage and Tourism Promotion Board (PHTPB)', the implementing agency of the project. As per scheme guidelines, an amount of Rs. 17.61 Crore has been released as the next instalment.

(c) and (d): Development of various components at Fatehgarh Sahib is included in the above mentioned project sanctioned by the Ministry of Tourism under Swadesh Darshan scheme.
