

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3590  
ANSWERED ON 08.08.2022**

**EXPENDITURE INCURRED ON PILGRIMAGE AND RELIGIOUS FAIRS**

**3590. DR. VISHNU PRASAD M.K.:**

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

- (a) the details of the expenditure incurred by Government on activities like pilgrimage and religious fairs in the financial year 2021-22;**
- (b) whether the Ministry, in collaboration with Ministries of Civil Aviation and Railways, is formulating any plan to curtail airfare, to identify air routes and to use rail routes for religious tours; and**
- (c) if so, the details thereof ?**

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF TOURISM**

**(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)**

**(a): Ministry of Tourism extends financial support to States and Union Territories for organising fairs/festivals and tourism related events. Under the Guidelines, there is no separate allocation for religious and pilgrimage fairs. The details of the expenditure incurred in the year 2021-22 is at Annexure.**

**(b) & (c): On the recommendation of Ministry of Tourism, Ministry of Civil Aviation launched Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) - UDAN to stimulate regional air connectivity and making air travel affordable to the masses. The Government capped the airfare at Rs.2500 for a distance of approximately 500 km per seat. 46 air routes have been identified to provide connectivity to prominent religious places.**

**Ministry of Tourism collaborated with Ministry of Railways to launch 'Bharat Darshan Trains' on theme based tourism circuits.**

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**ANNEXURE****STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3590 ANSWERED ON 08.08.2022 REGARDING EXPENDITURE INCURRED ON PILGRIMAGE AND RELIGIOUS FAIRS**

**Amount sanctioned to State Governments/Union Territory Administrations for organizing fairs, festivals and tourism related events during the Financial Year – 2021-22.**

**(Rs. in lakh)**

<b>Sl. No</b>	<b>States /UTs</b>	<b>Name of Fairs &amp; Festivals</b>	<b>Sanctioned Amount</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Mizoram</b>	(i) <b>Anthurium Festival</b> (ii) <b>Winter Festival</b>	<b>50.00</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Punjab</b>	(i) <b>HarivallabhSangeetSammelan-Jalandhar</b> (ii) <b>Holla-Mohala at Shri Anandpur Sahib</b>	<b>50.00</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Telangana</b>	(i) <b>Bathukamma Festivals</b> (ii) <b>MedaramJatara at Mulugu</b>	<b>50.00</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Madhya Pradesh</b>	(i) <b>Jal Mahotsav-</b> (ii) <b>PachmarhiUtsav, Pachmarhi-</b> (iii) <b>Khajuraho Dance Festival,</b>	<b>50.00</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Meghalaya</b>	(i) <b>Wangala Dance Festival</b> (ii) <b>Nongkrem Dance Festival</b>	<b>50.00</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>Chandigarh</b>	(i) <b>Chandigarh Carnival</b> (ii) <b>New Year Extravaganza</b> (iii) <b>50<sup>th</sup> Chandigarh Rose Festival</b>	<b>30.00</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>Nagaland</b>	(i) <b>Hornbill Festival</b> (ii) <b>Angami'sSekrenyi Festival</b>	<b>30.00</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>Sikkim</b>	(i) <b>Cherry Temi Tea &amp; Tourism FestivalTemi Tea Gardens SouthSikkim</b> (iii) <b>Khangchendzonga Winter Carnival Festival</b> (iii) <b>JorethangMagheyMela</b>	<b>50.00</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>Uttarakhand</b>	(i) <b>Tehri Lake Festival</b> (ii) <b>International Yoga festival</b>	<b>50.00</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>Arunachal Pradesh</b>	(i) <b>Easterly Essence Ledum Festival</b> (ii) <b>Orange Festival of Music and Adventure</b>	<b>50.00</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>Assam</b>	(i) <b>BhogaliFestival )</b> (ii) <b>Rongali Bihu Festival</b>	<b>50.00</b>

<b>12</b>	<b>Tamil Nadu</b>	<b>(i) Indian Dance Festival</b>	<b>25.00</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>Puducherry</b>	<b>(i) 27<sup>th</sup> Yoga Festival at Puducherry , (ii) Yanam People's Festival (iii) Carnival Festival at Karaikal</b>	<b>30.00</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>Himachal Pradesh</b>	<b>(i) International Shivratri Fair</b>	<b>25.00</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>Goa</b>	<b>(i) Carnival Festival (ii) Shigmo Festival</b>	<b>50.00</b>
<b>16</b>	<b>Haryana</b>	<b>(i) SurajkundMela</b>	<b>30.00</b>

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