

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1326  
ANSWERED ON 07.12.2015**

**DEVELOPMENT OF KEDARNATH AND BADRINATH DHAM**

**1326. MAJ GEN B C KHANDURI AVSM (RETD):**

**SHRI RAM TAHAL CHOUDHARY:**

**SHRI CHANDRAKANT KHAIRE:**

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

- (a) whether the Government is considering any proposal for the development of Badrinath and Kedarnath Dhams in Uttarakhand on the lines of Vaishno Devi Temple in Jammu;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor; and**
- (c) the amount of financial assistance proposed to be provided by the Union Government to the State Government for the purpose;**
- (d) whether the Government proposes to undertake repair and strengthening of existing stairs for going to Amarnath, Kedarnath and Gangotri; and**
- (e) if so, the details thereof along with the routes available for reaching these places and the reaction of the Government on condition of these routes?**

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)**

**(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)**

**(a) to (e): Ministry of Tourism launched a Plan Scheme “National Mission on Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual Augmentation Drive” (PRASAD). Under the PRASAD scheme 13 sites in the country have been identified for promoting and developing places of religious importance.**

**The sites identified under the scheme are Amritsar, Ajmer, Kedarnath, Dwaraka, Mathura, Varanasi, Gaya, Kamakhya, Puri, Amaravati, Kanchipuram, Vellankanni and Patna.**

**Ministry of Tourism has launched another Plan Scheme “Swadesh Darshan” in 2014-15 for integrated development of theme based circuits. Under Swadesh Darshan twelve thematic circuits have been identified, including four religious/spiritual thematic circuits i.e. Buddhist Circuit, Krishna Circuit, Spiritual Circuit and Ramayana Circuit.**

**Details of funds sanctioned for Badrinath, Kedarnath, Gangotri and Amarnath during last three years is at Annexure.**

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**ANNEXURE****STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1326 ANSWERED ON 07.12.2015 REGARDING DEVELOPMENT OF KEDARNATH AND BADRINATH DHAM.****Details of Projects Sanctioned for Amarnath, Badrinath, Kedarnath and Gangotri during 12<sup>th</sup> Plan Period (i.e. upto 2013-14)**

		(Rs. in lakh)
Sl. No.	Name of projects	Amount Sanctioned
	<b>Amarnath</b>	
	<b>2012-13</b>	
1.	Development of Facilities en-route to Pahalgam Shrine of Shri Amarnathji track by Pahalgam Development Authority	163.49
2.	Development and Promotion of Pilgrim Circuit (TRC at Gurudwara Nangali Sahib, TRC at Shri Buddha Amarnathji and TRC at Ziarat Sain Miran Sahib) in Poonch District by Pooch Dev Authority.	419.74
	<b>Badrinath</b>	
	<b>2013-14</b>	
3.	Construction of Sulabh Toilet Complex at different places in Sri Badrinath Dham in Uttarakhand	399.32
4.	Integrated Dev. of Tourism Infrastructure Circuit of Wayside Amenities TRH, Bio Toilets, Tourist Facilitation Centre, Retaining wall, Pathway (Karnaprayag- Kaleshwar- Nandprayag- Kaldubagarh- Hemkund Sahib- Bhewdaar- Badrinath- Mana- Bhayundaar- Nauti- Mundoli- Gwaldam) and Reconstruction of Snan Ghat, Rafting Deck under Panch Prayag circuit in Chamoli District in Uttarakhand	719.25
5.	Dev. of Reconstruction of Tourism Infrastructure Circuit at Joshimath enroute to Badrinath, Gobind Ghat enroute to Hemkund Sahib and Valley of Flowers including Tourist Reception/Information Center, Kiosks, Gender based wayside amenities, Rain Shelters, Solid Waste Management, Informatory Signages, etc. in Uttarakhand	787.50
	<b>Kedarnath</b>	
	<b>2013-14</b>	
6.	Integrated Development of Tourism Infrastructure Circuit at Ukhimath and surrounding areas enroute to Kedarnath including Tourist Reception and information Centre, Kiosks, Gender Based Wayside Amenities, Rain Shelter, Solid Waste Management, Informatory Signages in District Rudraprayag, Uttarakhand	787.50
	<b>Gangotri</b>	
	<b>2013-14</b>	
7	Integrated Development of Tourism Circuit – TRH, Sulabh Toilets, Public Yatri Niwas, TCC at Gangotri- Bhatwari – Sangamchhatti- Harshil- Arakot – Jhala-Bhatwari- Harsil-Dharli in District Uttarakashi, Uttarakhand	787.50

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