

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM AND CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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ASSISTANCE FOR KUMBH MELA
CHINTAMAN NAVSHA WANAGA

Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government are aware of Kumbh Mela to be held at Nasik and Trimbakeshwar in Maharashtra in 2003;
- (b) if so, the details of arrangement being made therefore;
- (c) whether the Government propose to give any special assistance for the said Mela; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b), (c) and (d): Organisation of fairs and festivals is the responsibility of the State Governments/UT Administrations concerned. However, Department of Tourism, Government of India provides grants-in-aid on the basis of projects identified in consultation with them. The Planning Commission has sanctioned an amount of Rs.50.00 crores for improving infrastructure for Kumbh Mela in Nasik during the year 2001-2002.