

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
TOURISM  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3706  
ANSWERED ON:22.08.2005  
MATA SHAKUMBHARI DEVI TEMPLE  
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**Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has implemented any scheme for development of Mata Shakumbhari Devi Temple in Saharanpur district to promote religious tourism;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to grant any special package to this shrine;
- (d) if so, by when it is likely to be released;
- (e) whether the Government proposes to set up a Shakumbhari Devi Board on the pattern of Vaishno Devi Board; and
- (f) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SMT. RENUKA CHOWDHURY)

(a), (b), (c) and (d): Ministry of Tourism, Government of India extends Central financial assistance to the State Governments/Union Territories for development of tourism on the basis of the proposals received from them, subject to availability of funds and inter-se priorities. These projects are sanctioned under the following schemes:

1. Product/Infrastructure and Destination Development including Rural Tourism
2. Integrated Development of Travel Circuits
3. Assistance for Large Revenue Generating Projects

An amount of Rs.13.69 lakhs has been sanctioned in the year 2004-05 for the development of Mata Shakumbhari Devi Temple.

- (e): No such proposal has been received.
- (f): Does not arise.