

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
TOURISM  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1975  
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DEVELOPMENT OF SOMNATH TEMPLE  
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**Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Union Government is aware that Somnath Temple in Junagadh district in Gujarat is visited by many pilgrims;
- (b) if so, whether the Union Government has any proposal to improve the infrastructure at the temple;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the funds released to the State Government during the current year for the purpose?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (SMT. RENUKA CHOWDHURY)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b), (c) and (d): Ministry of Tourism has sanctioned the following projects to improve the infrastructure of Somnath Temple in Gujarat:

(Rupees in lakhs)

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| 1. SEL show at Somnath Temple (1998-99)                | 93.77  |
| 2. Development of Area around Somnath Temple (2003-04) | 548.81 |

In respect of the SEL show at Somnath Temple, a sum of Rs.84.40 lakh has already been released. The final instalment is released on receipt of utilization/completion certificates, etc. complete in all respects from the State Government. For the project Development of Area around Somnath, the sanctioned amount of Rs.548.81 lakhs has been released in full.