

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

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DEVELOPMENT OF TEMPLES/ PILGRIM CENTRES
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Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether on the basis of the recommendations of a committee, the Government has identified certain temples/pilgrim centres for the development of infrastructural facilities to attract the tourists;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the action plan prepared by the Government in this regard and funds allocated by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SMT. AMBIKA SONI)

(a),(b)&(c): Development of tourism is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments/UTs. The Department of Tourism, under its schemes, extends financial assistance for tourism projects including development of infrastructure facilities for pilgrim centres, prioritized in consultation with the concerned State/UTs Administrations subject to inter-se priority of projects and availability of funds.