

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM

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TOURISM IN UTTARAKHAND NEEDS REGULATION

444. SHRI MAJEED MEMON:

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

- (a) whether inspite of the fact that tourism has increased by 168 per cent in Uttarakhand over the last three years, shortage of accommodation persists with only 8.4 tourist rent houses per million tourists, 102.5 hotels and guest houses per million tourists, and 337 beds available for every million tourists;
- (b) if so, the details of amount sanctioned and actual utilisation of special financial package of ₹ 100 crore to rebuild tourist infrastructure in Uttarakhand by the Ministry; and
- (c) whether Government is planning to formulate regulations for the tourists like Amarnath Shrine Act?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)

(SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL)

(a) & (b): Construction and operation of hotels is primarily a private sector activity. The Ministry of Tourism, Government of India, classifies operational hotels across the country under its voluntary scheme of classification/approval of hotels. State wise statistics regarding demand / supply and shortage of accommodation is not available with Ministry of Tourism.

Development of tourism infrastructure is primarily the responsibility of respective State Governments / Union Territories. However, Ministry of Tourism, augments the efforts of the States / Union Territories through its schemes. Under the scheme Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD), Ministry of Tourism provides only Central Financial Assistance for infrastructure development and beautification of tourist spots/Pilgrimage Centres on receipt of suitable DPRs submitted by State Governments/Union Territories, subject to availability of funds, liquidation of pending utilisation certificate against the fund released earlier and adherence to the relevant scheme guidelines. The following projects have been sanctioned to Uttarakhand by the Ministry of Tourism under the PRASHAD Scheme:

(Rs. in crore)

Project Nos	Name of the Project	Year of Sanction	Approved cost	Amount Released
1	Integrated Development of Kedarnath	2015-16	34.78	27.83
2	Development of Infrastructure for Pilgrimage Facilitation in Badrinath Ji Dham (Uttarakhand) under PRASHAD Scheme	2018-19	39.24	11.77

Ministry of Tourism under Swadesh Darshan Scheme provides Central Financial Assistance to State Governments/Union Territory (UT) Administrations/Central Agencies for development of thematic tourist circuits in the country. The projects under the scheme are identified for development in consultation with the State Governments/UT Administrations and are sanctioned subject to availability of funds, submission of suitable detailed project reports, adherence to scheme guidelines and utilization of funds released earlier. The following projects have been sanctioned to Uttarakhand by the Ministry of Tourism under the Swadesh Darshan Scheme:

(Rs. in crore)

Name of the Circuit	Year of Sanction	Name of the Project	Amt. Sanctioned	Amount released
Eco Circuit	2015-16	Integrated Development of Eco-Tourism, Adventure Sports, Associated Tourism related Infrastructure for Development of Tehri Lake & Surroundings as New Destination-District Tehri, Uttarakhand.	70.92	64.30
Heritage circuit	2016-17	Integrated Development of Heritage Circuit in Kumaon Region – Katarmal – Jogeshwar-Bairnath-Devidhura in Uttarakhand.	79.13	40.97

(c): At present, there is no proposal under consideration of the Government to formulate regulation for the tourists like Amarnath Shrine.
