

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.†446
ANSWERED ON 25.06.2019

MAA KUDARGARHI TEMPLE IN CHHATTISGARH

†446. SHRI RAM VICHAR NETAM:

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

- (a) whether Government has taken/propose to take any steps to develop religious places, temples in tribal majority areas of Chhattisgarh;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government is considering to include Maa Kudargarhi temple situated in the Odagi block of Suraypur district in Surguja Parliamentary Constituency of Chhattisgarh in central list of tourist places and to develop this religious place of tribal area as a tourist place; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)

(SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL)

(a) & (b): Development of religious places in the tribal areas is the responsibility of respective State Governments/Union Territories. Ministry of Tourism, under the schemes viz., Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD) and "Integrated Development of Theme Based Tourist Circuit in the Country, Swadesh Darshan (SD)" only provides Central Financial Assistance for infrastructure development and beautification of tourist spots 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. Details of the projects of Ministry of Tourism for the tribal areas of Chhattisgarh is given below:

- i. Ministry of Tourism has approved the project "Development of Tribal Tourism Circuit in Jashpur-Kunkuri-Mainpat-Ambikapur-Maheshpur-Ratanpur-Kurdar-Sarodadadar-Gangrel - Kondagaon - Nathiya Nawagaon – Jagdalpur - Chitrakoot - Tirthgarh in Chhattisgarh under Swadesh Darshan Scheme in 2015-16 at the cost of Rs.99.21 Crore. The amount Rs.73.29 Crore has been released so far.
- ii. Ministry of Tourism in consultation with State Government of Chhattisgarh, has also identified "Maa Bamleshwari Devi Temple in Rajnandgaon District" for infrastructure development under PRASHAD Scheme. The State Government has not yet submitted draft Detailed Project Report (DPR) in this regard.

(c): No, Sir.

(d): Does not arise.
