

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1349
ANSWERED ON 10.02.2020**

**DECLARATION OF SABARIMALA AS NATIONAL PILGRIMAGE
CENTRE**

1349. SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has declared Sabarimala as a National Pilgrimage Centre;**
- (b) if so the details thereof; and**
- (c) the response of the Government thereon?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
(SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL)**

(a) to (c): The Ministry of Tourism does not declare any place as National Pilgrimage Centre however Ministry provides Central Financial Assistance (CFA) to State Governments/Union Territory Administrations for various tourism projects, under the Swadesh Darshan and PRASHAD Schemes subject to availability of funds, submission of suitable Detailed Project Reports, adherence to scheme guidelines and utilization of funds released earlier.

For development of Sabarimala in Kerala Ministry of Tourism has sanctioned two projects under the Swadesh Darshan Scheme as detailed below:-

- Development of Spiritual Circuit of Sabarimala - Erumeli-Pampa-Sannidhanam for Rs.99.99 Cr in 2016-17.**
- Development of Spiritual Circuit of Sree Padmanabhaswamy Temple, Aranmula- Sabrimala for Rs.92.22 Cr in 2016-17.**
