

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2287
ANSWERED ON 02.08.2021**

DEVELOPMENT OF TOURISM IN NCT OF DELHI ALONG YAMUNA RIVER

2287. SHRI RAMESH BIDHURI:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has taken any Steps for the development of tourism on the river banks of Yamuna in the NCT of Delhi;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the details of funds allocated and funds spent on this project;**
- (c) whether any delay in implementing the programme for development of tourism on the river banks of Yamuna in the NCT of Delhi;**
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor; and**
- (e) whether the Govt. of NCT Delhi has issued any direction regarding this matter and if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF TOURISM

(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

(a) to (e): Development of tourism infrastructure is primarily the responsibility of the State Government. However, the Ministry of Tourism under its schemes of 'Swadesh Darshan' and 'National Mission on Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD)' provides financial assistance to State Governments/Union Territory (UT) Administrations/Central Agencies for development of tourism infrastructure. The projects under the scheme are identified in consultation with the State Governments/Union Territory 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. Ministry of Tourism has not sanctioned any project for development of tourism on the river banks of Yamuna in the National Capital Region (NCT) of Delhi.

The Government of National Capital Territory (NCT) of Delhi has informed that it has constructed Signature Bridge over river Yamuna downstream of exiting barrage-cum-bridge and has requested Delhi Development Authority (DDA) for development work near the Signature Bridge.

Delhi Development Authority (DDA) has informed that it has planned Restoration & Rejuvenation work for development of tourism on river banks of Yamuna in the National Capital Region (NCT) of Delhi in three phases as under -

Phase-I Includes removal of encroachments and repossession of land, protection of floodplains by creation / revival of wetlands, formation of landforms (mounds), laying of connections (walkways, cycle tracks and trails), parking area, plantation of riverine species of trees and grasses etc.

Phase-II Includes development of entrance areas, greenway with seating area and bamboo structures, signage and provision of amenities etc.

Phase III Includes development for organizing cultural events creating and public awareness programmes, educational tours, nature walks, adventure play, mud landscape like Chaukhidhaani etc. The work is planned to be taken up from UDF funds of Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs.
