

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM

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ONLINE PRESENCE OF PRASHAD SCHEME

2554. SHRI PRASHANTA NANDA:

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

- (a) whether Government has taken steps to establish the online presence of the PRASHAD scheme;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) if so, the number of users who have registered for online services under PRASHAD scheme; and
- (e) allocation and utilization of Central Financial Assistance for launching mobile application under the PRASHAD scheme?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF TOURISM

(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

(a) to (e): Under PRASHAD scheme financial assistance is provided to the State Governments / Union Territory Administrations only to create pilgrimage / religious and heritage tourism infrastructure on need gap analysis basis, at the pre-selected destinations as per the request / proposals received from them. Since under this scheme no funds are released to private parties and individuals /citizens, its online presence and mobile application for approval of projects, and release and utilization of funds is not required. No funds have been allocated for launching mobile application for the scheme. However, under the scheme funds are released to the State Governments / Union Territories mandatorily through online PFMS (Public Funds Management System) of the Ministry of Finance. Further, State Governments / Union Territory Administrations are also mandatorily required to provide details of the expenditures on this PFMS portal. Hence, all the respective State Governments / Union Territory Administrations have their presence at the PFMS portal.
