

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 32  
ANSWERED ON 29.11.2021**

**INCLUSION OF SHIRDI DHAM IN CENTRAL TOURISM LIST**

**32. SHRI SADASHIV KISAN LOKHANDE:**

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

- (a) **whether the Union Government has taken or proposes to take any steps to include world famous Shirdi Dham and Shani Singnapur located in Ahmednagar district of Maharashtra in the Central list of Tourism while developing the said sites and places for tourists; and**
- (b) **if so, the details thereof?**

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF TOURISM**

**(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY**

**(a)&(b): Sir, Till date no request from the State Government of Maharashtra for development of the Shirdi Dham and Shani Singnapur has been received in the Ministry of Tourism. Development and maintenance of the pilgrimage / religious tourism places, primarily, is the responsibility of the respective State Government / UT Administration. However, Ministry of Tourism also under its PRASHAD Scheme provides Central Finance Assistance for development of such places in the country. Ministry of Tourism identifies religious / pilgrimage destinations / places and approves projects for development of such places under the scheme, as a continuous process, on the basis of the proposals received from the respective State Governments / Union Territories in adherence to the Scheme guidelines.**

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