

Opening of tourist offices In J & K

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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the number of tourist offices in the country under the control of the Central Government, Statewise;

(b) whether there is any tourist office in Jammu and Kashmir;

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether Government propose to open tourist offices at Bandipore, Chandan-wari, Sopore, Gulmarg, Kabarnag, Pahalgam, Yusmarg, Gurez, Kargil and Leh?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (MUFTI MOHD. SAYEED): (a) Information is given in the attached statement (*See below*).

(b) to (d) However, the Central Department of Tourism has a Gulmarg Winter Sports Project in Srinagar and Jawahar-lal Nehru Institute of Skiing and Mountaineering at Gulmarg. Department of Tourism has decided to set up a Tourist Office at Srinagar.

Statement

The number of the Government of India Tourist Offices (State-wise)

Sl. No.	States/Union Territories	Location
1	Andhra Pradesh	Hyderabad
2	Arunachal Pradesh	Naharlangam (Itanagar)
3	Assam	Guwahati
4	Bihar	Patna
5	Karnataka	Bangalore
6	Kerala	Cochin (One Information Assistant is posted at Trivandrum Airport)
7	Madhya Pradesh	Khajuraho
8	Maharashtra	Bombay and Aurangabad
9	Manipur	Imphal
10	Meghalaya	Shillong
11	Orissa	Bhubaneswar
12	Rajasthan	Jaipur
13	Tamil Nadu	Madras
14	Uttar Pradesh	Agra and Varanasi
15	West Bengal	Calcutta
16	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	Port Blair
17	Delhi	New Delhi
18	Goa, Daman & Diu	Panaji
19	Jammu & Kashmir	Srinagar (Gulmarg Winter Sports Project in Srinagar and Jawahar Institute of Skiing and Mountaineering at Gulmarg)