

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, Chandanwari, 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 Jawaharlal 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	Naharalagam (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	Bhubaneshwar
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 Indian Institute of Skiing and Mountaineering at Gulmarg)