

Development of tourist places of religious importance

5076. SHRI VARINDER SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to develop on priority basis the tourist places of religious importance;

(b) the No. of tourist spots which have been developed under this policy during the last three years, year-wise indicating the names of spots developed;

(c) whether Gurudwara Takht Sachkhand Shri Hazur Abchalnagar Sahib, Nanded (Maharashtra) has been considered for development under religious tourism policy;

(d) whether requests have been received from Members of Parliament in this regard; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) and (b) Identification and development of tourist sites/destinations is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments. The Ministry of Tourism during the Tenth Plan Period has been assisting the State Governments for the development of infrastructure under its scheme of Product/Infrastructure Development of Tourist Circuits and Destinations, based on the receipt of the project proposals, merit of the proposal, *inter-se*-priority and availability of funds. The scope of the scheme also include places of religious importance.

(c) No such proposal has been received from the State Government.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

Development of tourism centre in Kerala

5077. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposal of State Government of Kerala seeking financial