

**Promotion of tourism in Punjab**

3178. SHRI SHWAIT MALIK: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has sanctioned any funds for the promotion of tourism in Punjab since May, 2014;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the details of funds released for Amritsar since May, 2014?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (DR. MAHESH SHARMA): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. The details of funds sanctioned and released by the Government for the promotion of tourism in Punjab including Amritsar since May 2014 are as follows:-

| Sl. No. | Scheme | Project   | Amount sanctioned (in lakh) | Amount released (in lakh) |
|---------|--------|---|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1.      | PIDDC  | Mega Circuit Amritsar-Dera Baba Nanak-Sultanpur Lodhi in Punjab | ₹ 4797.00                   | ₹ 815.00                  |
| 2.      | PRASAD | Development of Karuna Sagar Valmiki Sthal at Amritsar           | ₹ 645.00                    | ₹ 323.00                  |

**Employment to youth from tourism in Jharkhand**

†3179. SHRI MAHESH PODDAR: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Jharkhand is suffering from extremism and tourism will give employment to the youth which would result in checking extremism;
- (b) whether it is a fact that Jharkhand has a large forest cover; and
- (c) if the answer to (a) and (b) is in affirmative, whether Government is formulating any consolidated scheme for development of tourism in the entire State under Central Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (DR. MAHESH SHARMA): (a) to (c) Jharkhand is one of the 10 Left Wing Extremism (LWE) affected States covered under the Security Related Expenditure Scheme of Government of India. 'Police' and 'Public Order' being State subjects,

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