

**Important heritage places in Karnataka**

3825. SHRI BASAWARAJ PATIL: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the important heritage places like Pampa Sarovar, Anjanadri Parvatha, etc., at Kishkinda in Karnataka;

(b) whether any plan and allocation of funds has been made by Central Government on this, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government is going to take any programme on it as a National heritage place?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI K. J. ALPHONS): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Government of Karnataka has informed that a Draft Perspective Plan (DPP) has been prepared for destination development of Anjanadri Hill, Pampa Sarovar (Kishkinda) under Ramayana Circuit of Swadesh Darshna Scheme. The Draft Perspective Plan (DPP) has not been received from the State Government of Karnataka.

The Ministry of Tourism extends Central Financial Assistance to State Governments/UTs for development of tourism infrastructure under the flagship scheme of SWADESH DARSHAN and PRASHAD for projects submitted by them subject to adherence of scheme guidelines, *inter-se* priority and submission of Utilization Certificate for projects sanctioned to them earlier.

**Promotion of conventions for attracting tourism**

3826. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government mulls to promote conventions in order to attract large scale tourism and if so, the details thereof;

(b) which are the conventions which Government intends to promote nationally and internationally to attract tourism in Gujarat and Jharkhand; and

(c) whether Government has issued any advisory to the State Governments to promote conventions in order to attract large scale tourism and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI K. J. ALPHONS): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The Ministry of Tourism promotes India as a holistic