

Improvement of facilities at Vaishno Devi Shrine

1755. SHRI T.S. BAJWA: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to take up major restoration and developmental projects in Jammu and Kashmir to promote tourism;

(b) whether religious Shrines are also included in the restoration projects;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether any funds have been earmarked for improvement facilities in and around Vaishno Devi; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN):
(a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) to (e) It has been decided to take up the following works during the year 2003-04:

1. Restoration/conservation/development of Kheer Bhawani Shrine at Tulmula, Ganderbal and its environment.
2. Restoration/conservation/development of Shrine Complex at Baba-Rishi Sahib, Tangmarg and its environment.
3. Upgradation of Amarnath Ji Yatra and provision of Shelter units etc.
4. Improvement of tourism circuit—Vaishno Devi-Patnitop-Srinagar-Gulmarg.
5. Improvement of tourism facilities in and around Aishmuquam Shrine, Kashmir.

Development of tourism in Rajasthan

†1756. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the areas selected by Government for development of tourism in Rajasthan during the current year; and

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