

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM AND CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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DEVELOPMENT OF TOURISM IN J&K
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Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government are aware that the tourism industry has dwindled in the State of Jammu and Kashmir in the last decade;

(a) whether the Tourism Secretary of the Union Government has visited the J&K State and assessed the situation; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the steps being taken by the Union Government to promote the industry in the State?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTHKUMAR)

(a) : Tourism is a sensitive industry which gets affected by any type of unrest. This has happened in the case of Jammu & Kashmir also.

(b)&(c): Senior officials of the Department of Tourism including Tourism Secretary have visited Jammu & Kashmir. A Committee was also appointed to go into the question of revival and development of tourism in the State. The main recommendations of the Committee are as follows:-

? Improvement of accessibility by air; ? Improvement of rail and road infrastructure; ? Revival of the tourism infrastructure; ? Restoration and renovation of tourist spots; ? Revival of institutional infrastructure; ? Environmental upgradation of tourist centres and attractions including Dal Lake and Wular Lake; and ? Revival of the tourism industry and trade

The report of the Committee has been forwarded to the concerned Ministries and the State Government of J&K for necessary action.

Details of Central financial assistance given to Jammu & Kashmir for development and promotion of tourism during the first three years of 9th Plan are as under:

Year	No. of Project	Sanctioned	Amount Sanctioned
	(Rs. in lakhs)		

1997-98	10	293.35
1998-99	6	192.85
1999-2000	16	334.58