

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

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TOURISM POTENTIAL IN MAHARASHTRA
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Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether tremendous tourism potential exists in Maharashtra;
- (b) if so, details of the action plans incorporated during the Eighth Five Year Plan to promote tourism in Maharashtra;
- (c) whether allocation of funds for each project has since been made; and
- (d) if so, details thereof project-wise with achievement made in each case so far?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d): Development of tourist places is primarily the responsibility of the State Government concerned. However, Ministry of Tourism provides central financial assistance to various State Governments/UTs on the basis of project prioritised annually in consultation with them. The Ministry of Tourism have sanctioned the following projects during the Eighth Five Year Plan for the State:

S.No. Year No.of projects Amount sanctioned (Rs. in lakhs)

1. 1992-93	13	201.72
2. 1993-94	15	309.11
3. 1994-95	17	273.46
4. 1995-96	2	63.75
5. 1996-97	8	187.69

The projects are in various stages of completion.