

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

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DEVELOPMENT OF TOURISM  
ARUN KUMAR

**Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government have any proposal/programme to organise fairs, festivals and exhibitions in Bihar and other States during 2001-02 to promote domestic/international tourism; and

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the funds allocated and released therefor, State/project-wise?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTHKUMAR)

(a): Fairs, festivals and exhibitions are primarily organised by the State Governments/UT Administrations. Department of Tourism, Government of India, however, provides some financial assistance for such events prioritised in consultation with them every year.

(b): During the year 2001-2002 sixty four fairs, festivals and exhibitions in various States have been prioritised for financial assistance amounting to Rs. 405.50 lakhs. This includes the following events in Bihar:

S.No.	Name of event	Amount Prioritised (Rs. in lakhs)
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1.	International Buddha Mahotsava	20.00
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2.	Rajgir Mahotsava	10.00
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3.	Vaishali Mahotsava	5.00
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