

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4750
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DEVELOPMENT OF BODH GAYA
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Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any scheme for the development of international tourism spot at Bodh Gaya was received from the local area Member of Parliament;
- (b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto; and
- (c) the steps taken to develop the spot?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTHKUMAR)

(a): Yes, Sir. A project report prepared by Shree Vishnupad Prabandha-karini Samiti, Gaya for bringing Gaya on international map was received from the Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha) from Gaya.

(b): As development of tourist/pilgrim places is primarily undertaken by State Governments/UT Administrations, the letter of the Member of Parliament along-with the project report was sent to Government of Bihar for necessary action.

(c): The details of Central financial assistance extended for tourism projects of Bodh Gaya during the last three years are as under:-

S.No.	Year	Name of project	Amount Sanctioned	Amount Released
1.	1998-99	Illumination of Mahabodhi Temple	24.00	12.00
2.	- do -	Buddha Mahotsav	13.56	13.56
3.	2000-2001	Buddha Mahotsav	7.50	3.75

A major project for development of infrastructure along Buddhist Circuits in Bihar including Bodh Gayawas completed at a cost of Rs.113.00 crores in December, 1998 with loan from Overseas Economic Cooperation Fund of Japan.