

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:515
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DEVELOPMENT OF TOURIST SITES IN WEST BENGAL
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Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have received some proposals from the West Bengal for development of tourist sites;
- (b) if so, the details thereof during the last two years;
- (c) whether the Government have taken any initiative to identify tourist sites in West Bengal during the period; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN)

(a) to (d): Identification and development of tourist sites is primarily undertaken by the State Governments. Department of Tourism, Government of India, however, provides some financial assistance for tourism projects prioritised in consultation with them. The details of financial assistance provided to West Bengal based on their proposals during the last two financial years are as under:-

| Year | No of Sanctioned | Projects (Rs. in lakhs) | Amount sanctioned |
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| 1999-2000 | 6 | | 194.01 |
| 2000-2001 | 20 | | 412.68 |