

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

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

- (a) whether the collective allocation of Rs.300 crore by various States and Rs.110 crore from the Centre were not enough to develop India`s potential as a major tourist destination;
- (b) if so, the steps taken by the Government for inflow of funds for creating infrastructure facilities for the attraction of international tourists;
- (c) whether the Government took a note of a press report appeared in `The Asian Age`, New Delhi dated September 14, 2000 revealing about a survey conducted with regard to views expressed by international tourists about the facilities existing in India;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTHKUMAR)

(a) : Yes, Sir.

(b) : The Department of Tourism has approached the Planning commission to enhance budgetary support for creating more infrastructural facilities at tourist destinations in various States/UT Administrations.

(c) , (d) and (e) : The Government is already aware about various problems at Airports, Railway Stations and bad condition of roads. The Department of Tourism has approached concerned Ministries to take appropriate measures. In addition, the Government has constituted a Group of Ministers on Tourism Industry and Trade and a Committee of Secretaries to look into various issues relating to tourism. Airport Facilitation Committees have also been formed at International Airports to look into various problems.