

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:263
ANSWERED ON:09.12.2002
DEVELOPMENT OF TOURISM
THAAWAR CHAND GEHLOT

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

- (a) the details of assistance/grant-in-aid provided for the development of tourism in the States during the last four years, till-date, State-wise and year-wise;
- (b) the details of new schemes launched in the country and the success achieved by the Government during the said period; and
- (c) the details of earnings including foreign exchange during the said period, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM & CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN)

(a) to (c) : A Statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PART (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.+263 FOR ANSWER ON 09.12.2002 REGARDING DEVELOPMENT OF TOURISM.

(a) : Department of Tourism, Government of India provides financial assistance every year to the State Governments/UT Administrations for the projects identified in consultation with them. During the last four years i.e. 1998-99, 1999-2000, 2000-2001 and 2001-2002 an amount of Rs.324.50 crores was sanctioned and an amount of Rs.162.78 crores has been released to the State Governments/UT Administrations in the country (Statement is annexed). A total of 1308 projects were sanctioned. Out of which 399 projects have been completed.

(b) : Department of Tourism has introduced new schemes

(i) Integrated Development of Tourist Circuits

(ii) Product/Infrastructure and Destination Development

(iii) Large Revenue Generating Projects and

(iv) Capacity Building for Service Providers in the current financial year. During the current year, Department of Tourism has proposed to develop six tourist circuits on annual basis in the country and one destination in each State/UT.

(c) : Department of Tourism estimates foreign exchange earnings only on a national basis. The details of the foreign exchange earnings through tourism during the last four years is as follow:-

(Rs. in crores)

Year	Foreign Exchange Earnings
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1998	12150
1999	12951
2000	14238
2001	14344
2002 (Jan-Nov)	11968

(Estimated)