

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

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DEVELOPMENT OF TOURIST PLACES IN MAHARASHTRA  
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**Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) the total number of tourist places in Maharashtra;
- (b) whether tourist places of Maharashtra are being neglected;
- (c) if so, the reasons therefore; and
- (d) the steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTHKUMAR)

(a): There are a number of tourist places in Maharashtra. However, the State Government of Maharashtra has developed 51 places which include hill-stations, beaches, historical places, religious places, etc.

(b): No, Sir.

(c): Does not arise.

(d): Development and promotion of tourist places/pilgrim centres is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations concerned. However, Department of Tourism, Govt. of India provides central financial assistance on the basis of projects prioritised every year in consultation with the States/UTs concerned.

For the year 2000-2001, 11 projects for Rs.1181.00 lakhs have been prioritised for Maharashtra.

The Government is attracting foreign as well as domestic tourists by promoting India through its 18 overseas offices including the State of Maharashtra by advertising in print & electronic media, participations in travel fairs, inviting media and travel agents, extensive use of Information Technology in tourism promotions, etc.