

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

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HERITAGE CIRCUIT
CHINMAYANAND;SUDHA YADAV;YOGI ADITYANATH

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

- (a) whether the Government propose to formulate a `heritage-nature-living beings circuit scheme;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the funds likely to be spent on the above scheme; and
- (d) the main objective of the scheme?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN)

(a) to (d): In order to have integrated development of infrastructure facilities in the country to international standards, during the Tenth Five Year Plan, the Deptt. of Tourism, Govt. of India proposes to identify tourism circuits on an annual basis.

During the year 2002-03, Deptt. of Tourism has identified the following circuits in consultation with the State Governments :

(i) Eastern Region - (Buddhist Circuit) Bodhgaya-Rajgir-Nalanda-Varanasi

(ii) Northern Region - (Himalayan Circuit) Route I - Chandigarh-Bilaspur-Kullu-Manali-Rohtang La-Key Long-Sarchu-Upshi-Leh
Route II - Shimla-Sangla-Kaza-Chatru-Keylong-Sarchu-Yashi-Leh.

(iii) Central Circuit - (Heritage, Nature & Wildlife Circuit) Gwalior-Shivpuri-Chanderi-Orcha-Khajuraho-Jhansi-Bhopal-Sanchi and surrounding Buddhist areas-Bhimbetka-Pachmarhi-Kanha Jabalpur (Bhedaghat)

(iv) Western Circuit - (Konkan Riviera Circuit) Bombay-Alibagh (Mandva) - Muradjanjira-Ganapatipule-Vijaydurg-Mithibad-Kunkeshwar-Mochetmad-Sindhudurg-Tarkarli-Shiroda-Savantwadi-Amboli-Goa-Coastal Karnataka-Bekal

(v) Southern Circuit - (Backwater and Beach Circuit) Cochin-Kumarakom - (Backwaters) - Kottayam-Quilon-Trivandrum (Kovalam)

(vi) North-East Circuit - (Eco-Tourism Circuit) Shillong-Guwahati-Kaziranga-Tezpur-Bhalakpong-Tawang (Arunachal Pradesh)-Majuli-Sibsagar-Kohima.

An amount of Rs.41.50 crores has been allocated for the development of circuits during the current year.