

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:270  
ANSWERED ON:10.03.2003  
FOREIGN LOAN FOR TOURIST SPOTS  
YOGI ADITYANATH

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

- (a) whether the Government have received foreign loan for renovation of historical tourist spots;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the names and location of tourist spots on which this loan is likely to be spent?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN)

(a), (b), & (c): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT IN RESPECT OF PART (a), (b) & (c) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. +270 TO BE ANSWERED ON 10.03.2003 REGARDING FOREIGN LOAN FOR TOURIST SPOTS .

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c): The Infrastructure development projects along the Buddhist circuit in Uttar Pradesh and Bihar was carried out by undertaking loan assistance of 7.7 billion Japanese Yen from the Overseas Economic Cooperation Fund of Japan (now known as Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC)). The project covered Sarnath, Kushinagar, Piprahawa and Sravasti in Uttar Pradesh and Bodhgaya, Nalanda, Rajgir and Vaishali in Bihar. The project was completed at a cost of Rs.251.05 crores in December, 1998

Loan assistance was availed from the Overseas Economic Cooperation Fund of Japan (now known as Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC)) for the Ajanta Ellora Conservation and Tourism Development Project (Phase I) in Maharashtra. The Overseas Economic Cooperation Fund loan assistance was to the tune of 3745 million Japanese Yen. The project was completed at a cost of Rs.127.50 crores approximately in March, 2002. The places covered were Ajanta and Ellora in Maharashtra. Japan Bank for International Cooperation has agreed in principle to provide loan assistance (Approximately Japanese Yen 7331 million) for Ajanta Ellora Conservation and Tourism Development Project Phase-II. The locations to be covered are: Ajanta, Ellora, Pithalkhora, Aurangabad, Daulatabad, Patnadevi, Lonar, Nasik, Pune, Elephanta caves, Bhaja and Bedsa, Shivneri, Malshej, and Kolvan in Maharashtra.