

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:614  
ANSWERED ON:05.05.2003  
TOURISM POTENTIAL IN STATES  
BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB

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

- (a) whether the Government are aware of huge tourism potential in some States particularly in Orissa;
- (b) if so, the areas identified where the Union and State Government could jointly develop the tourists complexes in the States;
- (c) whether any comprehensive action plan has been formulated in this regard; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE ( SHRI JAGMOHAN )

(a), (b), (c) and (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PART (a), (b), (c) and (d) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.614 FOR ANSWER C 05.05.2003 REGARDING TOURISM DEVELOPMENT IN ORISSA.

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): The Department of Tourism provides financial assistance for development of tourism infrastructure projects in the country. In the Tenth Five Year Plan, the Department of Tourism has launched the following schemes for this purpose:

- i) Scheme of Integrated Development of Tourist Circuits,
- ii) Scheme of Product/infrastructure and Destination Development, and
- iii) Scheme of Assistance for Large Revenue generating projects

(Projects under these schemes are executed jointly by the Central and the State Governments).

(c) and (d): The Planning Commission has indicated an allocation of Rs.885.00 crores for the scheme of Integrated Development of Tourist Circuits; Rs.476.50 crores for the scheme of Product/Infrastructure and Destination Development and Rs.98.00 crores for the scheme of Assistance for Large Revenue generating projects in the Tenth Five Year Plan. Projects are formulated in consultation with the State Governments based on their proposals and field inspections. One Tourism Destination in each State/Union Territory where elements of tourism, culture and good civic governance are synthesised will be sanctioned every year. Six tourist circuits will also be sanctioned every year.