

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
LOK SABHA**

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AREAS IDENTIFIED FOR DEVELOPMENT OF TOURISM
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have taken any positive steps for the development and upgradation of new areas of tourism during the Ninth Five Year Plan; and

(b) if so, the areas identified in each State in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR)

(a) and (b): The development of tourism is mainly undertaken by the State/UT Governments. However, to strengthen their efforts Ministry of Tourism provides financial assistance to them for the projects/schemes prioritised every year in consultation with them. During 1999-2000, over 600 projects have been prioritised for development of tourism in consultation with the State/UT Governments. 21 Travel Circuits, 12 Destinations and 5 Special Tourism Areas have been identified for development in the various parts of the country.