

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
TOURISM  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3621  
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DEVELOPMENT OF TOURISM  
Bose Shri Subrata

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

- (a) whether a number of proposals are pending with the Union Government for development of tourism in the States including West Bengal;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) by when these proposals are likely to be accorded approval; and
- (d) the new initiatives taken by the Government to promote tourism in the country particularly in West Bengal?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)(SMT. RENUKA CHOWDHURY)

(a), (b), (c) and (d): The Ministry of Tourism provides Central Financial Assistance to the State Governments/UT Administrations for Integrated Development of Tourism Circuits and Product Infrastructure, Destination Development and Large Revenue Generating Projects. All such projects that were complete in all respect were sanctioned on the basis of inter-se priority and subject to availability of funds.

During the year 2004-05, following projects have been sanctioned for the State of West Bengal:-

(Rs. in lakh)

S.No.	Name of project Sanctioned	Amount Released	Amount
1.	Development of Rangbhang as a Tourist Spot (near Mirik)	171.54	137.23
2.	Extension and beautification of Rohini Lake at Rohini Tourist Complex, Kurseong	218.50	174.80
3.	Development of village Sonada in Darjeeling District	50.00	40.00
4.	GOI-UNDP Endogenous Tourism Project at village Mukutmonipur in Bankura District	20.00	16.00
5.	GOI-UNDP Endogenous Tourism Project at village Ballavpur Danga in Birbhum District	20.00	16.00
6.	West Bengal Tourism Festival, 2004	5.00	4.00
7.	Darjeeling Carnival, 2004	8.00	6.40
8.	West Bengal Mahotsav, 2004	10.00	5.00
9.	Teesta and Torsha Tourism Festival, 2005	6.00	4.00