

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1758
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DEVELOPMENT OF AJANTA AND ELLORA
Adhalrao Patil Shri Shivaji

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the government is planning to develop Ajanta and Ellora under Phase-11 programme;
- (b) if so, the details thereof ; and
- (c) the time by which the said plan is likely to be implemented alongwith funds proposed to be provided to the State government during the current year?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SMT. RENUKA CHOWDHURY)

(a), (b), & (c) : Yes Sir. A loan Agreement between Government of India and Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC) was signed on 31st March 2003 for a loan amount of Japanese Yen 7331 million to develop Ajanta Ellora under Phase 11 programme. The locations to be covered under this project are Pithalkora, Aurangabad, Daulatabad, Patnadevi, Lonar ,Nasik, Pune, Elephanta Caves, Bhaja and Bhedsa, Shivneri, Malshej and Kolvan besides Ajanta and Ellora. The project implementation has started and the project is scheduled to be completed by end of June,2008.