

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:543
ANSWERED ON:23.02.2006
FACILITIES FOR TOURISTS AT HAMP
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Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Hampi in Karnataka has become the World Heritage Centre;
- (b) if so, whether the tourists, both foreign and domestic, arrival have increased to a great extent; and
- (c) if so, the steps taken by the Union Government to increase the facilities for the tourists visited in Hampi?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SMT. AMBIKA SONI)

- (a): Yes, Sir. Hampi has been recognized as a World Heritage Site by UNESCO.
- (b): Yes, Sir. The number of tourist arrivals both domestic and foreign who visited the State of Karnataka are as under:

Year	Domestic	Foreign
2002	86,78,670	59,545
2003	111,75,292	249,908
2004	271,94,178	530,225

(c): Development of tourism infrastructure in the country is a continuous process. Ministry of Tourism provides central financial assistance on the basis of project proposals prioritized in consultation with the State Governments/UT Administrations every year. The following projects during the 10th Plan period have been sanctioned for development of Hampi:

S.No.	Name of the project	Year	Amount sanctioned (Rs.in lakh)
1.	Development of Hampi as a Destination	2002-03	506.10
2.	Hampi festival	2003-04	15.00
3.	Construction of Minor Nodes at Hampi	2003-04	307.01
4.	Sound & Light show at Hampi	2003-04	176.00
5.	Celebration of Hampi festival	2004-05	5.00
	Total:		1009.11