

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

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HERITAGE TOURISM

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

- (a) the financial assistance provided to the State Governments for development of heritage tourism during each of the last three years and the current year;
- (b) whether some State Governments have sent proposals to the Union Government to develop heritage tourism in their respective States;
- (c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a), (b), (c) & (d): Development of tourism is a continuous process and is primarily the responsibility of the State/UT Governments. The Department of Tourism prioritises tourism projects, including heritage tourism projects, in consultation with State/UT Governments and central financial assistance is extended to them for implementation of these projects, subject to inter-se-priority and availability of funds. A statement showing the financial assistance provided to States/UTs for heritage tourism projects during the last three years and the current year is at Annexure.