GOVERNMENT OF INDIA TOURISM LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2504 ANSWERED ON:17.08.2006 REVENUE FROM TOURISM . Fanthome Shri Francis

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the government has chalked out any plan to increase the revenue from tourism; and

(b) If so, the details thereof and the steps taken to implement the plan? ANSWER

Answer

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

(a) The Ministry of Tourism has commissioned 20-Year Perspective Plans for the States/UTs with the objective to develop tourism in the States/UTs in a systematic manner so as to increase the tourist visits & resultant benefits like increase in revenue, employment generation, income creation, etc.

(b) The Perspective Plans have broadly assessed the existing tourism scenario in the States; reviewed the status of existing development/investment plans; evaluated the existing tourist destinations; identified the new tourism projects having potential for development and; given an action plan for development of tourism in the States/UTs.

As development of tourism in the States/UTs, is the responsibility of the State/UT Governments, the Plans were forwarded to them for taking up their future tourism projects accordingly. The Ministry of Tourism also provides Central Financial Assistance to the States/UTs every year for development of infrastructure at specific tourist destinations & circuits and organization of festivals based on the discussions with the State/UT Governments and inter-se priority.