

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
TOURISM  
LOK SABHA**

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DEVELOPMENT OF BUDDHIST SITES  
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**Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government proposes to develop Buddhist sites from tourism point of view;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the assistance provided by the Union Government to the State Government during the last three years;
- (d) the names of countries which had provided financial assistance for these sites during the said period; and
- (e) the manner in which such foreign assistance was spent, site-wise?

**Answer**

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

(a), (b) and (c): The Buddhist sites are important tourist attractions and development works have accordingly been sanctioned at Vaishali, Nalanda, Rajgir, Bodhgaya, Nagarjunasagar, Ajanta-Ellora etc.

(d) and (e): Loan assistance of 3745 million Yen was received from Overseas Economic Cooperation Fund of Japan for Ajanta-Ellora Conservation and Tourism Development Project (Phase-I). The project was completed in March, 2002. Japan Bank of International Cooperation has agreed in principle to provide loan assistance of approximately 3731 million Yen for Ajanta-Ellora Conservation and Tourism Development Project (Phase-II). The places/monuments to be covered are Ajanta-Ellora, Pithalkhora Caves, Aurangabad Caves, Bibi Ka Maqbara, Daulatabad Fort, Patnadevi, Lonar, Nasik, Pune, Elephanta Caves, Bhaja and Bedsa, Shivneri, Malshej and Kolvan in Maharashtra.