

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
TOURISM  
LOK SABHA**

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DEVELOPMENT OF TOURIST DESTINATIONS  
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**Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:**

- (a) Whether 15 major tourist destinations in the country are proposed to be developed to world class level ;
- (b) If so. the details thereof ;
- (c) Whether it is proposed to include Kanchipuram in Tamil Nadu also ;
- (d) If so, the details thereof; and
- (e) If not, the reasons therefor ?

**Answer**

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

(a): Ministry of Tourism plans to improve the quality of tourism infrastructure at major heritage sites, cultural monuments and places of tourism significance.

(b), (c), (d) & (e): Development of tourism is primarily the responsibility of the State/UT Governments. In order to ensure development of world class tourism infrastructure in the country, it is proposed to develop major tourist destinations/ circuits in the country by sanctioning central financial assistance to the tune of Rs.25 crore for development of a destination and Rs. 50 crore for development of a tourist circuit. Selection of such destinations/circuits is based on detailed consultations with State/UT Governments, subject to inter-se-priority and availability of funds.