

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
LOK SABHA**

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TOURIST CIRCUITS

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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the details of tourist circuits proposed to be linked in various States for which estimated budget of Rs.885 crores has been earmarked as a part of integrated development of tourist circuits during the Tenth Five year Plan;

(b) whether the Government has any proposal to include tourist spots of Madhya Pradesh like Bhedaghat, Samadhi Sthal of Jabalpur, Virangana Rani Durgawati, Kanha National Park, Bandhavgarh, Khajuraho, Amarkantak, Panchmarhi, Chitrakuta, Sanchi in the international tourist map; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a): Development works are sanctioned in tourist circuits identified in consultation with the State Governments/UT Administrations every year. During 2002-03 and 2003- 04 development works were sanctioned in 7 and 17 tourist circuits respectively. The process of identification of projects to be taken up during the current financial year is in progress in consultation with State governments/UT Administrations.

(b) and (c): Tourism Projects have been sanctioned in tourist places in Madhya Pradesh including Bhedaghat,Panchmarhi, Sanchi and Khajuraho.