

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
LOK SABHA**

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CONVERSION OF SANCHI AS INTERNATIONAL TOURIST SPOT IN MADHYA PRADESH

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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken any action to convert Sanchi in Madhya Pradesh as an international tourist spot; and

(b) if so, the funds sanctioned/released to the State Government for the maintenance of Stupas located there?

Answer

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

(a) and (b): During the 10th Five Year Plan the Department of Tourism, Govt. of India proposes to identify six travel circuits in the country on an annual basis and develop them to international standards. These circuits are finalised and developed in close coordination and partnership with the State/UT Governments and the concerned Government of India Departments. In addition to this, one major destination is also identified in each State/Union Territory for overall development. The schemes being funded by the Department of Tourism thus are:

- (1) Product Infrastructure and Destination Development
- (2) Integrated development of Tourism Circuits
- (3) Assistance for Large Revenue Generating Projects

Under the scheme of Integrated Development of Tourism Circuit during the year 2002-2003, an amount of Rs.508.82 lakhs was sanctioned. Out of this, an amount of Rs.355.05 lakhs was sanctioned and a sum of Rs.300.28 lakhs have been released for execution of projects at Sanchi. These include the following:

- (a) Extension of Travellers' Lodge
- (b) Upgradation of Travellers' Lodge
- (c) Upgradation of Sanchi Caf  
- (d) Upgradation/Renovation of Tank at Sanchi
- (e) Upgradation of existing Museum building at Sanchi
- (f) Upgradation of John Marshal's house, Sanchi
- (g) Providing tourist facilities at Sanchi monument
- (h) Providing tourist facilities at Satdhara
- (i) Development of tourist facilities at Udaigiri

Apart from this a project for Rs.15.00 lakhs was sanctioned during 1998-99 for construction of Tourist Reception Centre at Sanchi.