

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
LOK SABHA**

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CENTRALLY SPONSORED SCHEMES IN MAHARASHTRA
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Centrally Sponsored Schemes relating to tourism which are under consideration for Maharashtra, specially in Aurangabad District; and

(b) the time by which these are likely to be implemented?

Answer

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

(a) and (b): Ministry of Tourism provides Central Financial Assistance on the basis of project proposals prioritised in consultation with the State Governments/UT Administrations every year for the following schemes:

(i) Tourist Circuits

(ii) Product Infrastructure & Destination Development

(iii) Large Revenue Generating projects

The proposals received from the State Governments are appraised on the basis of inter-se-priority and funds released, subject to availability under the respective head.

The Ministry of Tourism has sanctioned projects worth Rs. 8197.75 lakh for the State of Maharashtra during the 10th Plan (till December, 2006). It includes a project proposal for development of Aurangabad Art & Craft Centre sanctioned during 2006-07, with Central Financial Assistance of Rs.442.16 lakh.

Implementation and execution of the projects sanctioned by the Ministry of Tourism is the responsibility of the State Government of Maharashtra. However, Ministry of Tourism regularly monitors the progress of projects sanctioned under Central Financial Assistance.