

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
TOURISM  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1470

ANSWERED ON:08.03.2007

NEW TOURIST SPOTS

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**Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether there is any Expert Body to identify new tourist spots in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any new places have been included in the tourism map of the country during the last five years;
- (d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and
- (e) the expenditure incurred by the Government on the development of such tourist spots during the said period?

**Answer**

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

(a), (b), (c) & (d) : Identification and development of tourist spots is primarily the responsibility of the State/UT Governments. Ministry of Tourism extends central financial assistance to the State/UT Governments for development of tourist centres which are prioritized in consultation with them. A list of such prioritized projects for the current financial year is at Annexure.

(e): The Central Financial Assistance released to States/UTs by the Ministry of Tourism for implementation of tourism projects during the last five years is as under:

Year            Amount Released  
(Rs. in lakh)

2002-03	8680.93
2003-04	18073.76
2004-05	27371.97
2005-06	45793.76
2006-07	40029.56

ANNEXURE

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PART (a), (b), (c) & (d) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED  
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STATEMENT OF PRIORITISED PROJECTS UNDER IMPLEMENTATION  
DURING THE YEAR 2006-07

S.No. State Destination Circuit Event/Fairs/Festival Rural Tourism

1. Andhra Pradesh 1.Hyderabad 1.Beach circuit Vizag 1.Kakatia Event 1.Kuchipudi  
Pradesh including 2.Buddhist circuit 2.Golkonda Event (near  
Charminar & 3.Kalahasti- 3.Vijaynagar Vijaywada)

Golconda Kanipakam-Talakona Festival 2.Dharmakaram  
2.Warangal Circuit 4.Kalinga (near  
3.Nellore Puttuparthi)  
(Pulicat Lake) 3.Surabhi (near  
Pochampalli)

2. Arunachal 1.Amenities at 1.Tinsukia 1.Arunachal Ligu Village,  
Pradesh Parsuramkund (Assam)-Namsai- Festival Upper  
Lohit District. Tezu- 2.Siang River Subansiri  
2.Restoration & Walong-Dongi Festival District  
Preservation 3.Nyokum/Mopin  
of Heritage Festival  
Site 4.Buddha  
(Stone Mohatsava  
Rampart )  
at Dambuk.

3. Assam 1.Kamakhaya 1.Orang- Tespur- 1.Rangoli Utsav 1. Charideo  
and Nameri- Bhalukpong- 2. Dehing- Patkai Sukafa Nagar  
Satellite Tawang Tourist 3.Tea Tourism in Sivasagar  
Pilgrimage Circuit. 4. Kaziranga District  
Township of Elephant Festival  
Hazo.  
2.Sivasagar  
Convention  
Centre &  
3. Wellness  
Centre at  
Hotel  
Brahmaputra  
Ashoka,  
Guahati.

4. Bihar 1.Mandeshwari 1.Bodhgaya-Nalanda- 1.Buddha Mahotsav 1.Pattharkathi  
Temple Rajgir 2.Rajgir Mahotav (near Gaya)  
3.Sonpur Mela  
4.Chhath Mahotsav

5. Chhattis- 1.Chitrakote 1. Jagdalpur circuit 1.Bastar Event 1. Chilpi (Near  
garh fall 2.Malhar Event Kanha  
2. Rajim 3.Sirpur Festival National Park)  
4.Rajim Festival 2.Churri (Near  
Hasdeo  
Bango Dam)

6. Delhi 1. Development of  
Infrastructureas  
per Master Plan  
for Commonwealth  
Games

7. Goa 1.North Goa Circuit 1.Shigmo Festival  
2.South Goa Circuit  
2.Goa Carnival

8. Gujarat 1.Champaner 1.Junagarh-Veraval 1.Navratri Dandi  
Pavagadh Porbandar 2.Tarnetar Vadnagar  
2.Gir 3.International Kite Nageshwar  
3.Dwarka Festival  
4. Sharad Utsav

9. Haryana 1.Surajkund 1.Kurukshtera 1.Kurukshtera-Sufi  
2.Sonepat- Fest.  
Ethnic India 2.Heritage festival  
3.Badhkal Pinjore  
3.Art & Craft  
Festival Karnal

10. Himachal Dharamshala 1.Eco tourism in 1.Great Himalayan Run 1.Mashobra Pradesh Tribal Areas 2.Pre-World Paragliding village  
2. Pilgrim Circuit 3.Kullu Dussehra in Simla  
4 Simla Summer 2.Baroah Village  
Festival Near  
Dharmashala  
3.Gurukul  
Oriented  
Village

11. Jammu & a). Specific Development 1. Mega Event in a) (Software Kashmir tourism Tourist Ladakh Work infrastructure Circuit at Kargil 2. Jashn-e-Kashmir Plan) support for projects for 3. Jammu Festival 5 villages viz., Development of 4. Navratra Festival, Drung, Tourism Vaishno Devi Pahalgam, Authorities of 5. Gulmarg Festival Jheri, Surinsar Bhaderwah, and Kishtwar, Poonch, Rajouri, b) support for 10 Lakhnupur- new Sarthal, villages to be Kokernag, identified Leh and by the State Kargil Government  
b). Specific tourism infrastructure projects for Tourism Development Authorities of Pahalgam, Gulmarg, Sonamarg and Patnitop  
c) . Restoration of Heritage building at Mubarak Mandi, Phase-I  
d).Golf Course at Jammu -  
e)Reconstru -ction of gutted TRC at Srinagar

12. Jharkhand 1.Rajmahal 1.Ranchi-Ramgarh- 1.Hajaribagh 1.Amadubi, 2.Parasnath Rajarappa-Tenughat- Festival Distt.  
Hazaribagh-Padma 2.Air Show Ranchi Singhbhum Itkhori 3.Hijla 2.Kharsavan,  
4.Jagannath Rath Distt.  
Yatra Saraikela- Kharsavan

13. Karnataka 1.Hampi 1.Bijapur-Biddar- 1.Bangalore Habba 1.Chenputna 2.Lingamakki Gulgarga 2.To be communicated village 2.Southern 3. Hampi -Bangalore Wilderness Circuit 4. Karavali 2. Alkan village Bagalcote

14. Kerala 1.Vagamon 1.Southern Eco- 1.Malabar Mahotsav 1.Kathakali 2.Kumarkom Tourism 2. Boat Show Costume 3.Padnab- 3. Elephant Festival Village hapurm Palace 4. Nishagandhi Festival 2.Coir Village 4. Thrippunithura 3. Spice Village

15. Madhya Pradesh 1.Panna 1.Amarkantak- 1.Khajuraho Festival 1.Sivra in Datia  
2.Mandu Mandla- 2.Travel Mart 2. Ram Nagar in  
Dindoi 3.Pachmarhi Mandla  
2.Hasangabad-Maheswar- 3. Any Village  
Onkareshwar-Barwani in Maheswar

16. Maharashtra- Kunkeeshwar 1.Buddhist Circuit 1.Elephanta 1.Village near  
shtra including Elephanta 2.Ellora Kolhapur  
2.Fort Circuit 3.Kalidas 2.Village near  
4.Chikaldhare Pune  
for Gurukul

17 Manipur 1. Nongmang- 1. Imphal- Bishnupur- 1. Manipur Tourism Andro, khongjom  
aiching (Eco- Sandra-Churachand- Festival and None  
Park with Golf pur 2. Manipur Tourism  
course) Meet  
2. Imphal 3. LUI-NGAI-  
NI Festival  
4. KUT Festival

18. Meghalaya 1. protection & development 1. Williamnagar- 1. Winter Tourism  
of caves 2. Shillong- 2. Shillong Autumn  
around jowai Cherrapunji Festival  
2.Tura Jowai Mawplong 3. Nongkrum  
Festival  
4. Wangla Festival

19. Mizoram 1.Chaltlang 1. Southern- 1.Cchapchar Kut  
2.Chalfilh Hrangchakkawn, 2.Thalfavang Kut  
Tawipui'S', 3.Anthurium  
Lawngtlai, Festival  
Saiha, Vawmbuk,  
sangau, S.  
Vanlaiphai.  
2. Eastern-Keitum,  
N.Vanlaiphai, East  
Lungdar,  
Khawbung,  
Farkawn,  
Zokhawthar,  
Hnahan.

20. Nagaland 1.Tourist Travell. Zunheboto-Tuensang- 1.Tokhu Emong  
Destination Kiphiri 2.Metumnniu  
Touphema, 2. Governor's camp 3.Hornbill Event  
Kohima district.(Wokha)-Nui Land 4. Event- Cultural night  
2. Aizotto, Area (Dimapur)-Jalukie Variety show  
Zunheboto (Peren).  
District

21. Orissa 1.Chilka 1.Bhubaneswar- 1.Sreekshetra vasant 1.Dayening  
Puri- Utsav Badi  
Konark 2.Ekamra Village  
2.Simlipal- 3.Puri Beach Festival. Dhoobbari  
Chandipur- 4.Konark Festival. Dist.  
Talsari- 2.Kheliyajali  
Panchlingameshwar village  
3.Aralku valley-  
Sonebeda-Koreputt-  
Malkagri

22. Punjab 1. Ropar 1.Freedom Struggle 1.- Rural Olympics 1. Village Paldi  
2.Fatehgarh Circuit (Rural (Distt.  
Sahib Delhi- Amritsar Sports, Village Hoshiarpur)  
(Including 2.Pilgrim Circuit Qila Raipur 2.Village  
Aam Khas Distt. Raipur Kalanour  
Bagh with 2.-Kinnow Festival at (Distt.  
SEL show) Abhor Gurdaspur)

3. Kapurthala Distt. Ferozpur 3. Village  
3. Punjab Festival. Maisor  
3. Punjab Festival. Khanna (Distt.  
(Mela) Bhatinda)  
4. Craft Mela at  
Kapurthala

23. Rajasthan 1.Ajmer Sharif 1.Eco-Tourism circuit 1.Heritage Festival  
2.Jaisalmer 2.Floodlighting of 2.Rajasthan Day  
monuments Celebration-  
3.Pushkar Fair  
4.Desert Festival

24. Sikkim 1.Development 1.Development of 1.Nanchi Festival 1. Rong Village  
of Amusement Tourist Centers at 2.Gangtok Winter in  
Park at Sarmisa. Phodang and Festival South  
2. Pilgrim Mangan in North 3.Ravangla Festival Sikkim.  
centre at Sikkim 4.Maghey Mela 2.Tharpa  
Sorang 2.Development of 5.Mangan Festival village in West  
Assam Lingzey and 6.Gyalshing Sikkim  
Khedi Trek Route in (Pelling)  
East Sikkim

25. Tamil 1.Madurai 1.Mahabalipuram  
Nadu 2.Thanjavur mega festival  
3.Kaniyakumari

26. Tripura 1. Chaturdashi 1. Development of Joychandrapur  
Devta Bari North West Tripura  
Circuit

27. Uttar 1.Aliga 1.Agra-Fatehpur 1.Buddha Mahotsav  
Pradesh Sikri-Mathura at Sarnath  
2.Varanasi-Sarnath 2.Lathmar Holi  
3.Brajbhoomi- 3.Dev Deepawali  
Vrindavan

28. Uttarakhand 1.Yamnotri 1.Rishikesh- 1.Dehradun Virasat 1.Village  
2.Tehri Haridwar Festival Trijugi  
(Mega Project) 2.Garhwal Festival Narayan, Distt.  
2.Bindsar-Baijnath- 3.Kumaon Festival Rudraprayag.  
Manesar 4.Poornagiri Festival

29. West 1.Goke 1.Freedom Circuit  
Bengal 2.Kalimpong 2.Tea Tourism  
3.Plassey 3.Beach Circuit