

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:322

ANSWERED ON:06.09.2007

DEVELOPMENT OF TOURISM

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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the tourist spots proposed to be developed in the country to attract more tourists, State-wise;

(b) whether any study has been carried out by the Government to assess the tourism potentials of the castles, mansions, havelis and religious sites in the country particularly in Maharashtra; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a), (b) & (c): A Statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. +322 TO BE ANSWERED ON 06.09.2007 REGARDING DEVELOPMENT OF TOURISM

(a): Development and promotion of tourism including development of heritage and religious sites is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations. However, the Ministry of Tourism extends Central Financial Assistance to the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations for the project proposals of development and promotion of tourism that are complete in all respects and are as per the Scheme guidelines.

(b): The Central Government, in the beginning of 10th Five Year Plan commissioned studies for the preparation of 20-Years Perspective Plans for various States including Maharashtra. The Perspective Plans were sent to the respective States for taking up future tourism projects.

(c): The 20-Years Perspective Plans were commissioned with the objective of development of tourism in the States in a systematic manner on a long-term and short-term basis. The broad objectives of the Perspective Plans were as under:

- i) To assess the existing tourism scenario in the States;
- ii) To review the status of existing development/investment plans;
- iii) To evaluate the existing potential tourist destinations;
- iv) To develop sustainable tourism in a time period of 20 years;
- v) To identify the existing as well as new tourism projects that have potential for development;
- vi) To give plans with short term and long term targets;
- vii) To indicate the likely investment on infrastructure development under different heads; and
- viii) To prepare an action plan for implementation of identified potential schemes/projects, and for development of infrastructure.