

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
TOURISM  
LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether the Government has recently reviewed the performance/progress of on-going tourism projects in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof during the last three years in terms of physical and
- (c) the details of fresh proposals sent by the State Governments;
- (d) the time by which the proposals are likely to be given approval; and
- (e) the details of action plan formulated for promotion of tourism during the current year and next three years highlighting the projects likely to be taken up?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): Implementation of projects is primarily the responsibility of State Governments/Union Territory Administrations. However, Ministry of Tourism also reviews the progress of projects with officials from State Governments/Union Territory Administrations at regular intervals. Inspections and site visits to review the progress of implementation have also been undertaken in the last three years.

(c),(d) & (e): Tourism projects are sanctioned by the Ministry on the basis of project proposals received from the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations subject to availability of funds and inter-se priority. During the current financial year upto February, 2008 Central Financial Assistance of Rs.59240.12 lakh has been sanctioned for 248 projects for development and promotion of tourism in various States and Union Territories.