

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2995
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LOW AND MIDDLE INCOME GROUP TOURISTS
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government has chalked out any strategy in consultation with the State Governments to have some concrete projects to cater the needs of the low and middle income group tourists;
- (c) whether any special scheme has been prepared for implementation during 11th Plan period in this regard; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a), (b), (c) & (d): Ministry of Tourism provides Financial Assistance to States/Union Territories for creation/upgradation of tourism infrastructure on the basis of project proposals received from them. Financial assistance is also provided to States under the Scheme "Product/Infrastructure Development for Destinations and Circuits" for construction of budget accommodation in selected places of Jammu & Kashmir and all North Eastern States and Eco-tourism projects where private sector investment is not forthcoming or not possible.

Ministry of Tourism has formulated a scheme to provide incentive to hotels of 1 to 3 star and Heritage Basic categories all over the country where the hotel projects have been commissioned and classified w.e.f. 01.04.2007 to 31.03.2008. The incentive is in the form of capital subsidy of Rs.2.00 lakh per room subject to a maximum of Rs.30.00 lakh to one star hotel, Rs.3.00 lakh per room subject to a maximum of Rs.75.00 lakh to two star hotel and Rs.3.00 lakh per room subject to a maximum of Rs.100.00 lakh to three star and Heritage Basic category hotels.