

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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TOURISM INFRASTRUCUTRE AT WORLD HERITAGE SITES
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has identified creation of tourism infrastructure at World Heritage sites on priority basis and efforts are being made to have better coordination with Ministries of Civil Aviation, Railways, Surface Transport and Urban Development to execute these projects expeditiously;

(c) the extent to which this move will be able to attract tourists; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to provide a facelift to the Heritage Sites in the country?

Answer

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

(a), (b) & (c): Yes, Sir. Improvement of tourism infrastructure at tourist places is considered important for attracting more tourists and facilitating them.

(d): The Ministry of Tourism has sanctioned projects for improvement of infrastructure at tourist places in the country including monuments at World Heritage Sites at Agra, Bodhgaya, Delhi, Fatehpur Sikri, Hampi, Khajuraho, Mamallapuram and Sanchi.