

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DEVELOPMENT OF TOURISM IN GUJARAT

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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of tourism projects/proposals received by the Union Government so far from the State Government of Gujarat for grant of Central Financial Assistance;
- (b) the tourism projects considered for Central Financial Assistance till date,indicating the amount of assistance granted to each project;
- (c) the tourism projects which are under consideration of the Government for financial assistance to Gujarat during the year 2008-09;
- (d) the time by which the financial assistance will be released; and
- (e) the amount sanctioned/released so far against such projects/proposals and the physical achievement made in developing tourism destinations,circuits,etc.during the last three years and the current year,event and item-wise, separately?

Answer

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

(a) to (e):The development and promotion of places of tourist interest is primarily undertaken by the State Governments themselves.However, Ministry of Tourism provides funds on the basis of projects prioritized in consultation with the State Governments every year under various schemes. Project proposals,which are complete as per scheme guidelines are processed on inter-se-priority and funds released,subject to availability under the respective heads.

From the project proposals received from the State Government of Gujarat,the following projects of infrastructure of tourist destinations/circuits have been sanctioned during the current financial year (till date):

Sr. No.	Name of the project sanctioned (Rs. in lakh)	Amount
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| 1. | Development of Champaner-Pavagadh under destination development scheme in Gujarat | 360.00 |
| 2. | Destination development of Tarnetar District Surendra Nagar, Gujarat | 310.60 |
| 3. | Integrated development of Dwarka-Nageshwar-Bet Dwarka as a major tourist circuit in Gujarat | 798.90 |
| 4. | Integrated development of tourist facilities at Ambaji in Gujarat | 353.94 |
| 5. | Integrated development of tourist facilities at Patan in Gujarat | 295.22 |

The brief details of the projects sanctioned during the last three years are as under:

(Rs.in lakh)

S.No.	Year	Amount sanctioned	Amount released
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1.	2005-06	2011.58	1433.04
2.	2006-07	443.65	359.51
3.	2007-08	474.25	379.00

Total	2929.48	2171.55	
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The list of projects sanctioned for the last three years are given at Annexure.

Implementation,execution and maintenance of the projects constructed with Central Financial Assistance is the responsibility of the concerned State Government.