

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
LOK SABHA**

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MINES TOURISM
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government proposes to develop mines tourism in the country, especially in the Himachal Pradesh on the lines of foreign countries;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and
- (c) the funds sanctioned, released and utilised by the State Governments for the purpose during each of the last three years and the current year?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI SULTAN AHMED)

(a) to (c): Development and promotion of tourism is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments/ Union Territory Administrations. However, the Ministry of Tourism, Government of India, extends Central Financial Assistance for tourism projects based on the proposals received from them as per the Scheme Guidelines, inter-se priority and subject to availability of funds. As on date, no proposal for development of Mines Tourism in Himachal Pradesh is under consideration in the Ministry of Tourism.