

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:406
ANSWERED ON:23.04.2010
PROMOTION OF BUDDHIST TOURISM
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the Buddhist tourist centers in the country alongwith the details of funds sanctioned for the development of Buddhist tourism in the country during the last three years, State-wise;
- (b) whether the Government of Japan proposes to give a special package to any State Government for the development of Buddhist tourism in the country including Orissa;
- (c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (d) whether a delegation from Japan has visited the country for the said purpose;and
- (e) if so, the details thereof inter-alia indicating the action plan of the Union Government to popularise this tourism, both within and outside the country?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM(KUMARI SELJA)

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.+406 ANSWERED ON 23. 04. 2010 REGARDING PROMOTION OF BUDDHIST TOURISM.

(a) to (e): There are a large number of Buddhist heritage sites, which are spread over several States in the country.

Development of tourist places is primarily undertaken by the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations. Ministry of Tourism, however, provides financial assistance for tourism projects on the basis of proposals received from them subject to availability of funds and inter-se priority. State/Union Territory-wise details of projects sanctioned by Ministry of Tourism for development and promotion of tourism including development of Buddhist heritage sites during the first three years of Eleventh Five Year Plan are at Annexure.

The Government of India and Japan Bank of International Cooperation (now known as Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)) have signed an agreement for loan assistance to the tune of 9495 million Japanese Yen towards development of Buddhist Circuit in Uttar Pradesh.

The representatives of JICA visit India from time to time to review their projects.

The Ministry of Tourism, however, undertakes promotional activities in domestic and international markets for promotion of the varied tourism attractions of the country including Buddhist pilgrimage/heritage sites, destinations and circuits.

ANNEXURE

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. +406 ANSWERED ON 23. 04. 2010 REGARDING PROMOTION OF BUDDHIST TOURISM

TOURISM PROJECTS SANCTIONED DURING THE FIRST THREE YEARS (2007-08, 2008-09 AND 2009-10) OF ELEVENTH FIVE YEAR PLAN

(Rs. in lakhs)

Sr.No	State	Number of	Amount
	Project	Sanctioned	

1	Andhra Pradesh	30	14,269.82
2	Arunachal Pradesh	37	10,131.06
3	Andman & Nicobar	0	0
4	Assam	15	4,455.39
5	Bihar	15	3,923.60
6	Chandigarh	14	2,858.71
7	Chattisgarh	6	2,427.91
8	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	3	24.88
9	Daman & Diu	1	12.50
10	Delhi	19	6,641.83
11	Goa	3	4,814.91
12	Gujarat	12	3,430.76
13	Haryana	22	5,957.79
14	Himachal Pradesh	25	7,648.88
15	Jammu and Kashmir	91	15,163.90
16	Jharkhand	10	1,155.47
17	Kerala	29	8,692.70
18	Karnataka	22	10,520.10
19	Lakshadweep	1	782.73
20	Maharashtra	11	5,890.29
21	Manipur	25	7,344.17

22 Meghalaya 15 3,386.32

23 Mizoram 16 4,417.25

24 Madhya Pradesh 37 11,991.65

25 Nagaland 47 7,260.74

26 Orissa 29 9,717.77

27 Puducherry 13 2,421.66

28 Punjab 7 3,313.94

29 Rajasthan 19 8,565.41

30 Sikkim 67 16,075.83

31 Tamil Nadu 37 8,005.82

32 Tripura 30 3,539.00

33 Uttar Pradesh 17 7,511.72

34 Uttarakhand 8 6,604.07

35 West Bengal 28 9,398.06

GRAND TOTAL 761 218,356.64