

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
LOK SABHA**

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TOURISM INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has sanctioned funds separately for the infrastructure development of tourist destinations before the Commonwealth Games, 2010;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of proposals still pending with the Union Government for the upgradation of tourism destinations like Agra, Jaipur and Khajuraho, etc. in this regard; and
- (d) the steps being taken/to be taken to implement these projects well before the games?

Answer

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

(a) to (d):Development and promotion of tourism is primarily undertaken by the concerned State Governments/Union Territory Administrations. Ministry of Tourism, however, provides financial assistance from tourism projects based on proposals received from them subject to availability of funds and inter-se priority. The Ministry of Tourism has sanctioned Rs.35.78 crore for Delhi, Rs.21.47 crore for Agra and Rs.11.44 crore for Jaipur in the year 2009-10 for development of tourism infrastructure including wayside amenities, sound and light shows, signages, parking facilities, public utilities/toilets etc. in view of the forthcoming Commonwealth Games-2010.

Implementation of tourism projects is the responsibility of the State Governments/UT Administrations. However, Ministry of Tourism also monitors the progress of implementation of projects through Regional Conferences, review meetings with the State Government officers and site visits from time to time.