

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
LOK SABHA**

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UTILISATION OF FUNDS
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the funds allocated to his Ministry and the subsequent allocation of funds to all the States for the development of tourism especially in backward regions remain under-utilised by both the Tourism Ministry and the State Governments;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, along with the funds allocated to the Tourism Ministry, year-wise and their subsequent allocation to States during the last three years, State-wise; and
- (c) the steps taken to ensure full utilization of such funds by the Union Tourism Ministry as well as by the States?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (KUMARI SELJA)

(a), (b) and (c): The Ministry of Tourism provides financial assistance to States/Union Territories and Central Agencies for augmentation of tourist infrastructure at the important tourist destinations/circuits on the basis of proposals received from them subject to availability of funds and inter se priority.

The Annual Plan allocations of the Ministry of Tourism for the last three years are as under:

Sl. No.	Year	Amount allocated (Rs. in crore)	Expenditure (Rs. in crore)
1	2006-07	830.00	797.05
2	2007-08	953.00	951.83
3	2008-09	1000.00	972.64 (tentative)

The funds were utilized mainly for development of tourist infrastructure, human resource development, computerization and information technology etc. for the States/Union Territories and for publicity and promotion.

The details of projects sanctioned and amount sanctioned during the last three years to State Govts./Union Territories are at Annexure.

Implementation of the projects is the responsibility of the State Govts./UT Administrations. However, the Ministry monitors the progress of the projects through review meetings and site visits from time to time.