

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:292

ANSWERED ON:13.08.2010

PROMOTION OF TOURISM DURING COMMONWEALTH GAMES

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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has formulated any scheme to promote tourism during the ensuing Commonwealth Games, 2010;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the funds sanctioned under the scheme;
- (c) whether the Government has allocated special/additional funds to the State Governments/Union Territories (UTs) for the renovation and development of tourist spots including Delhi; and
- (d) if so, the funds sanctioned, released and utilized by the State Governments/UTs concerned?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (KUMARI SELJA)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.+292 ANSWERED ON 13.08.2010 REGARDING PROMOTION OF TOURISM DURING COMMONWEALTH GAMES.

(a) & (b): The Ministry of Tourism, Government of India has undertaken promotion of the Commonwealth Games 2010 under its existing and ongoing schemes of promotion and publicity and no separate funds have been sanctioned to the Ministry for the same.

(c) & (d): Development, promotion and implementation of tourist places is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations. However, the Ministry of Tourism provides Central Financial Assistance for tourism projects based on the projects prioritized in consultation with the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations and project proposals received from them subject to scheme guidelines, inter-se priority and availability of funds.

During the first three years of the 11th Five Year Plan, funds amounting to `65.82 crore have been sanctioned to Delhi as well as the adjoining states of Haryana (`59.58 crore), Rajasthan (`79.60 crore) and Uttar Pradesh (`74.29 crore) for tourism infrastructure projects and fairs and festivals, including projects in the vicinity of Delhi.