

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
TOURISM  
LOK SABHA**

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ALLOCATION TO COMMONWEALTH GAMES  
Pal Shri Jagdambika

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

- (a) the allocation made to the Ministry since 2003 on account of Commonwealth Games;
- (b) the year-wise details thereof and the objective of such allocation;
- (c) whether tourist destinations maintained by the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) actually received lesser domestic and foreign tourists during the Commonwealth Games; and
- (d) if so, the comparative details and the reasons for lesser domestic and foreign tourists?

**Answer**

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

(a) and (b): Development and promotion of tourism is primarily undertaken by the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations. Ministry of Tourism (MoT), however, provides financial assistance to them for tourism projects based on proposals received, subject to availability of funds and inter-se priority.

No additional funds were specifically allocated to MoT for the CWG 2010 for 'development of tourism infrastructure', 'publicity & promotion' and 'capacity building for service providers' and the expenditure incurred is within the existing budget of MoT as per the extant scheme guidelines.

The MOT has sanctioned Rs.71.23 crore during the 10th Five Year Plan and Rs.75.19 crore during the first four years of the 11th Five Year Plan (up to 30-09-2010) (2007-08: Rs.20.76 crore, 2008-09: Rs.0.15 crore, 2009-10: Rs.44.91 crore and 2010-11(till 30-09-10): Rs.9.37 crore) to Delhi for development of tourism infrastructure under its various on-going schemes.

The MoT undertakes a series of promotional activities in overseas market with the objective of increasing foreign tourist arrivals to the country. The publicity and promotion of CWG 2010 was included in these ongoing activities.

The MoT also provided skill development training to the service providers, Guest House owners/staff, student volunteers, etc. under the scheme of Capacity Building of Service Providers.

(c) and (d): As per the Archaeological Survey of India the number of foreign tourists who visited the centrally protected ticketed monuments in the country during October, 2010 was 2,49,600 in comparison to 2,20,952 during October, 2009.