

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
LOK SABHA**

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MEGA DESTINATION DEVELOPMENT SCHEME
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) the names of the tourist places of the country included or proposed to be included in the Mega Destination Development Scheme;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to include more world famous tourist sites including Khajuraho, Madhya Pradesh under the said scheme; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and project-wise?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): The Ministry of Tourism, at present has identified 38 mega destinations/circuits. The details of these mega destinations/circuits, including the one for Madhya Pradesh, are at Annexure.

For each identified mega destinations and circuits, the Ministry of Tourism contribution, as central financial assistance, is capped at Rs.25.00 crore and Rs.50.00 crore respectively under the scheme "Product/Infrastructure Development for Destinations and Circuits".

The Project proposals submitted by the State Governments/UT Administrations, including Mega Destinations/Circuits, are prioritized through a system of prioritization meetings with the concerned State Governments/UT Administrations and processed further as per the scheme guidelines, inter-se-priority and subject to availability of funds.