

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
LOK SABHA**

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CONNECTIVITY OF TOURIST CENTRES
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has chalked out any plan to improve the connectivity to major tourist centres in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether other Central Ministries and stakeholders have also been consulted in this regard;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the follow-up action taken thereon?

Answer

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

(a) to (e): Development, promotion and maintenance of tourist places is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments/ Union Territory Administrations. However, Ministry of Tourism provides financial assistance for tourism projects based on proposals received from them which are complete in all respects as per the Scheme Guidelines, inter-se- priority and subject to availability of funds.

Ministry of Tourism organizes the meetings with Ministry of Railway, Ministry of Civil Aviation and other concerned organizations from time to time in order to improve the connectivity to major tourist centres in the country.

Under the Scheme "Product/Infrastructure Development for Destinations and Circuits", Ministry of Tourism also provides Central Finance Assistance for last mile connectivity to the tourism destinations.