

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
TOURISM  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1575  
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PROMOTION OF RELIGIOUS AND CULTURAL PLACES  
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**Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government proposes to promote religious and cultural places as tourism spots;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) the details of the schemes formulated for the said purpose; and
- (d) the number of proposals received and sanctioned by the Union Government alongwith the Central financial assistance provided during the Eleventh Five Year Plan, State-wise?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (d): Development and promotion of tourist places, including religious and cultural places, are primarily the responsibility of the State Governments/UT Administrations. However, Ministry of Tourism provides central financial assistance under the scheme "Product/Infrastructure Development for Destinations and Circuits" 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.

State-wise details of the projects and amount sanctioned by Ministry of Tourism during the 11th Five Year Plan (up to 30.09.2010) are at Annexure.