

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
TOURISM  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5055  
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ANCIENT BUILDINGS  
Swamygowda Shri N Cheluvarya Swamy

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

- (a) whether there is any scheme under which the ancient buildings can be converted into major tourist spots;
- (b) if so, the details of such locations which are converted into tourist spots, State-wise;
- (c) whether public private partnerships can be used in developing these infrastructures; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHA)

(a) & (b): The promotion and development of tourism infrastructure including the conversion of ancient buildings into major tourist spots are primarily the responsibility of the States/ Union Territories (UTs) Administration. However, Ministry of Tourism provides central financial assistance for the development of tourism infrastructure on the basis of proposals received from them subject to availability of funds and inter-se priority in accordance with the Scheme guidelines. The details of the projects and amount sanctioned to the States/UTs during the 11th Five Year Plan till 31.03.2011 are given in the Annexure.

(c) & (d): Ministry of Tourism has a Scheme of Assistance for Large Revenue Generating Projects for development of tourism infrastructure in association with the private sector. The project admissible for assistance under this Scheme are to be of tourist attractions and generating revenue through a levy of fee or user charges.