

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
LOK SABHA**

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KARGIL AS TOURIST PLACE
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Kargil battlefield and other neighbouring areas are being developed as a tourist places;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the number of tourists visited the above site and the facilities being extended to the visiting tourists; and
- (c) the steps taken to provide adequate security to the visiting tourists and to further improve the tourism in the region?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (KUMARI SELJA)

(a) & (b): Development and promotion of tourism is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations. However, the Ministry of Tourism, Government of India, extends Central Financial Assistance under the scheme of Product Infrastructure Development for Destinations and Circuits for tourism projects based on the project proposals received from them complete in all respects subject to inter se priority and availability of funds. Ministry of Tourism has sanctioned the following infrastructure projects in Kargil during the Eleventh Plan till date.

S.No.	Name of the project (Rs.in lakh)	Amount sanctioned
1.	Development of Tourist Facilities in and around Kargil as a Tourist Destination (2007-08)	484.47
2.	Development of Drass-Panikhar (Kargil Development Authority) (2007-08)	241.70
3.	Development of Drass-Sankhoo as a Destination (Kargil Development of Authority) (2008-09)	472.32

(c): Providing security to the visiting tourists is also the responsibility of the concerned State Government/Union Territory Administration. However, in order to ensure the safety and security of the tourists, Ministry of Tourism has advised all the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations to deploy tourist police at tourist spots and also circulated guidelines for formation of tourist security organization(s) comprising ex-servicemen.