

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:226

ANSWERED ON:09.12.2011

ECO-TOURISM

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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the location, including backward and tribal areas developed as eco-tourism destinations during each of the last three years and the current year;
- (b) the number of proposals received, sanctioned/approved for providing Central assistance for development of tourist infrastructure and promotion of eco-tourism during each of the last three years and the current year so far, State/UT-wise and project- wise;
- (c) the funds earmarked for the development of eco-tourism during the current Plan period; and
- (d) the further steps taken/proposed by the Government for the growth of eco-tourism in the country?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHA)

(a)to(d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a)to(d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.226 ANSWERED ON 09.12.2011 REGARDING ECO- TOURISM

(a)&(b): Development, promotion and implementation of various tourism infrastructure projects including eco-tourism projects are primarily the responsibility of the respective State Government/Union Territory (UT) Administration. The project proposals submitted by the State Government/Union Territory Administrations are identified for Central Financial Assistance based on discussions in the prioritization meetings held in the Ministry of Tourism. The Ministry of Tourism extends Central Financial Assistance (CFA) for such identified projects subject to availability of funds, inter-se-priority and adherence to the scheme guidelines.

The details of projects sanctioned to various State Governments/Union Territory Administrations which primarily focus on development of eco-tourism during the last three years and current year upto 30th September 2011 are given in Annexure.

(c): The Ministry of Tourism extends CFA for the eco-tourism projects identified during the prioritisation meetings subject to availability of funds, inter-se priority and adherence to the scheme guidelines. However, no funds are earmarked for eco-tourism projects separately.

(d): The Ministry of Tourism supports seminars and events focusing on development of eco-tourism from time to time.