

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:233
ANSWERED ON:09.12.2011
DEVELOPMENT OF TOURISM
Toppo Shri Joseph

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the schemes/programme being implemented by the Government to assist State Governments for the development of tourism in the country;
- (b) whether a number of tourist spots are being developed with foreign financial assistance in the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof indicating such assistance received and utilised during each of the last three years and the current year, project-wise, State/UT-wise;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to declare/develop certain islands including Majuli island in Assam as important tourist spot and assist the State Governments for the purpose; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHA)

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

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.233 ANSWERED ON 09.12.2011 REGARDING DEVELOPMENT OF TOURISM.

(a): Identification, development and implementation of tourism infrastructure projects are primarily the responsibility of the State Governments/Union Territory (UT) Administrations. However, the Ministry of Tourism (MOT) provides Central Financial Assistance (CFA) for the tourism projects identified during the prioritization meetings in consultation with them subject to adherence to scheme guidelines, inter-se priority and availability of funds.

The main scheme under which CFA is provided to the State Governments/UT Administrations for development of tourism infrastructure by the Ministry of Tourism is "Product/Infrastructure Development for Destinations and Circuits".

The details of the number of projects and amount sanctioned during last three years and current year (upto 30th September, 2011) are given in the Annexure.

(b)&(c): A Loan Agreement for an amount equivalent to 7331 million Japanese Yen (Rs.299 crore approx.) has been signed with Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) for Phase II of Ajanta Ellora Conservation and Tourism Development Project. A total amount of Rs.133.56 Crore has been utilized during the last three financial years and this financial year upto 30.11.2011.

A Loan Agreement has also been signed with JICA for a loan of 9495 million Japanese Yen (Rs.395.63 crore approx.) for development of Buddhist Circuit in the State of Uttar Pradesh. The process for selection of Project Management Consultant (PMC) for this project is underway in consultation with JICA.

(d)&(e): MOT has sanctioned an amount of Rs.382.25 Lakh in the year 2002-03 for development of Heritage & Eco Tourism Resort at Majuli Island in Assam. This project has been completed.

A National Park Mega Circuit covering Manas, Orang, Nameri, Kaziranga, Jorhat, Shibsagar and Majuli, has been identified in 2010-11 for development.