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LRG PROJECTS SCHEME

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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is sufficient tourism infrastructure in the country to attract tourists;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government assists public-private partnership for development of tourism through the Large Revenue Generating (LRG) Projects Scheme;
- (d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the scope of the scheme and the details of partners of above scheme; and
- (e) the details of the work under implementation in the said scheme, location-wise?

Answer

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

(a) and (b): The development of tourism infrastructure in the country is primarily undertaken by the State Governments/Union Territory (UT) Administrations. However, Ministry of Tourism provides financial assistance to them for projects relating to development of tourism infrastructure, prioritized in the meetings held with them, subject to availability of funds, inter-se priority and adherence to scheme guidelines.

(c) to (e): The Ministry of Tourism has a scheme of Assistance for Large Revenue Generating Projects for development of tourism infrastructure, in order to bring in private sector, corporate and institutional resources as well as techno-managerial efficiency. The projects admissible under this scheme should be of tourist's attraction or used by tourists to generate revenue through levy of fee or user charges on the visitors.

Some of the important items which are covered under this scheme are: Tourist trains, Cruise vessels, Cruise Terminals, Convention Centres, Golf Courses, Health and Rejuvenation facilities and last mile connectivity to tourist destinations, etc.

The subsidy under the scheme will has a cap of Rs.50 crore subject to a maximum of 25% of total project cost or 50% of equity contribution of the promoters, whichever is lower.

Projects sanctioned in this scheme are mainly luxury tourist trains, ropeways, development of Golf Courses, etc.