

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1763
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PROMOTION OF SARDAR SAROVAR AS TOURIST HUB
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the tourism schemes in the submergence area of Sardar Sarovar Project (SSP), Madhya Pradesh;
- (b) whether any action plan is under the consideration of the Government for conservation and relocation of archaeological and historically important monuments in the above said area;
- (c) whether there is any proposal to develop the river bank from the reservoir of SSP as tourist spot; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

- (a): Development, Promotion and implementation of tourism projects is primarily undertaken by the State Governments / Union Territory Administrations. However, Ministry of Tourism provides Central Financial Assistance for tourism projects which are prioritized in consultation with the State Governments/ Union Territories. The projects which are complete as per scheme guidelines are sanctioned subject to availability of funds and inter- se priority.
- (b): As per report received from the State Tourism Department, Madhya Pradesh, currently there is no Tourism scheme proposed in the submergence area of Sardar Sarovar project, Madhya Pradesh. However, the Directorate of Archaeology, Archives and Museums Bhopal, Government of Madhya Pradesh has undertaken an action plan for conservation of archaeological and historical important monuments under Sardar Sarovar project.
- (c): The State Tourism Department, Madhya Pradesh has further informed that presently there is no proposal under consideration to develop the river bank from the reservoir of Sardar Sarovar project as tourist spot.
- (d): Question does not arise.