

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
LOK SABHA**

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TOURIST CIRCUITS
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal to develop certain Integrated Tourist Circuits in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise;
- (c) the funds sanctioned, released and utilised by the State Governments for the purpose during each of the last three years and the current year;
- (d) whether similar destinations have also been identified for rural tourism; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise?

Answer

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

(a) to (e): Development and promotion of tourism infrastructure is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments/Union Territory (UT) Administrations. The Ministry of Tourism (MOT), however, provides Central Financial Assistance to States/UTs for tourism projects which are prioritized based on discussions held with them in the Prioritisation Meeting subject to availability of funds, inter-se priority and adherence to the scheme guidelines.

MOT has appointed a National Level Consultant (NLC) to identify the integrated tourism circuits and rural clusters in each State (except those in North Eastern States) and Union Territory (UT).