

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:255
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DEVELOPMENT OF AGRA
Ramshankar Dr.

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has formulated any time-bound programme for development of Agra in anticipation of more tourists visiting Agra during the upcoming Commonwealth Games, 2010; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM(KUMARI SELJA)

(a) & (b): Development and promotion of tourism is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments. However, the Ministry of Tourism, Government of India, extends Central Financial Assistance for tourism projects based on the proposals received from them which are complete in all respects as per the scheme guidelines, inter-se priority and subject to availability of funds. The Ministry of Tourism, Govt. of India has identified Agra as a mega project under its scheme of Product/Infrastructure Development for Destinations and Circuits and provided the Central Financial Assistance as follows:

(Rs. in lakh)

S.No. Name of the Project Amount sanctioned

1. Integrated Development of	767.00
Agra-Revitalization and Visitor	933.40
Management for Taj Mahal Vicinity	
(a) East Gate Entry (2005-06)	
(b) West Gate Entry (2006-07)	