

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
TOURISM  
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:607

ANSWERED ON:18.05.2012

HERITAGE TOURISM PROJECTS

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**Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government promotes heritage tourism in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating the project proposals received and sanctioned by the Union Government for the development/ promotion of heritage tourism alongwith the funds allocated/sanctioned and released thereunder during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;

(c) the implementation status of the said projects, State/UT-wise; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government for monitoring and timely completion of said projects?

**Answer**

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

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

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.607 ANSWERED ON 18.05.2012 REGARDING HERITAGE TOURISM PROJECTS.

(a) & (b): Development and Promotion of Tourism including heritage tourism is primarily the responsibility of State Governments/Union Territory (U.T.) Administrations concerned. However, Ministry of Tourism, grants central financial assistance to the projects, including the projects promoting heritage tourism, to the States/UTs in consultation with them, subject to availability of funds, inter-se priority, and adherence to Scheme Guidelines.

The details of tourism projects, including the heritage tourism projects sanctioned by the Ministry of Tourism to various States/UTs during 2008-09, 2009-10, 2010-11 and 2011-12 (till 31st December, 2011) are given in the Annexure.

(c) & (d): State Governments/UT Administrations execute all tourism projects including those relating to heritage tourism. Ministry of Tourism periodically monitors the projects executed by the States/UTs through Regional Conferences, field inspections by the Ministry's officers and regular review meetings with the State Government/UT Administration officers. State Level/UT Level Monitoring Committees also regularly submit their project monitoring reports to the Ministry of Tourism.