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TOURISM PARKS CIRCUITS AND RURAL CLUSTERS

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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of Tourism/Mega Tourism Parks, Integrated/Mega Tourist Destinations/Circuits and Rural Clusters presently functioning in the country including facilities available therein, location-wise;
- (b) whether the Union Government proposes to set up more such Parks, Circuits and Clusters in the country and has appointed a National Level Consultant (NLC) to develop action plans for the same;
- (c) if so, the details thereof along with the progress made in this regard;
- (d) the locations of projects identified/prioritised in consultation with the State Governments and Union Territory Administrations including mega tourism park at Shirdi and Shani-Shingnapur (Maharashtra) and development of Ram-Janaki circuit;
- (e) the number of projects sanctioned out of the identified/prioritised projects along with the financial assistance allocated/released for the purpose, State/UT-wise; and
- (f) the time by which the said tourism parks are likely to be set up and Tourist Circuits/Rural Clusters to be developed?

Answer

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

(a) to (f): Ministry of Tourism (MOT) has appointed a National Level Consultant (NLC) to identify Tourism Circuits in each State (except North Eastern States) and Union Territory (UT) for integrated development in association with the States/UTs, during the 12th Plan Period.

For identification/development of Tourism Circuits in the North – East Region (NER) a study has been conducted by Tata Consultancy Services commissioned by North Eastern Council, Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region.

MOT has also appointed State Level Project Management Agency (SLPMA) for each State/UT (except Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand and North Eastern State) for undertaking various activities relating to implementation of identified tourism projects during 12th Plan Period.

The list of Tourism Circuits, Tourism Parks and Rural Tourism Clusters identified by NLC for all State/UTs except States in North Eastern Region is given in Annexure I. The list of tentatively identified Tourism Circuits for states in the North Eastern Region is given in Annexure II.