

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
LOK SABHA**

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INCLUSION OF CITIES UNDER TOURISM AREA PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government has received any proposal from State Governments to include cities having historical heritage in the tourism area projects for providing Central financial assistance;
- (b) if so, the details thereof indicating the proposals received from State Governments in this regard including the proposal received from State of Maharashtra to include Chandrapur town/city, which is celebrating its Fifth centenary; and
- (c) the action taken by the Union Government thereon along with the financial assistance allocated/released thereunder?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (DR. K. CHIRANJEEVI)

(a) to (c): Development and promotion of various types of tourism including historical heritage projects are primarily the responsibility of the State Governments/Union Territory (UT) Administrations. However, the Ministry of Tourism (MOT) provides Central Financial Assistance (CFA) to States/UTs including Maharashtra for tourism projects received from them, which are prioritized every year based on the discussion with them, subject to availability of funds, inter-se priority and adherence to the scheme guidelines. MOT has not received any proposal from Chandrapur town/city. The details of number of projects and amount sanctioned including historical heritage sites during last three years are given in the Annexure.