

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
LOK SABHA**

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DEVELOPMENT OF TOURIST PLACES CIRCUITS WITH FOREIGN ASSISTANCE

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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether some of the tourist places/circuits in the country are being developed with foreign assistance including assistance from World Bank (WB) and Asian Development Bank (ADB);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of assistance received and utilized for the purpose during each of the last three years and the current year, project-wise; and

(d) the action plan of the Government for development of more tourist places/circuits in the country with foreign assistance in future?

Answer

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

(a) Yes, Madam.

(b) and (c) The details of foreign loan assistance received during the last three years is as follows:

i. A loan agreement for an amount equivalent to Japanese Yen 7331 million was signed with Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) in the year 2003 for Phase II of Ajanta Ellora Conservation and Tourism Development Project. The utilization of loan assistance for this project during the last three years is as follows:

Year Japanese Yen in million

2009-10 253.09

2010-11 506.80

2011-12 146.09

2012-13 128.37
(Upto 31.1.2013)

ii. A loan agreement for an amount equivalent to US\$ 20 million has been signed by the Asian Development Bank (ADB) in the year 2010 for South Asia Tourism Infrastructure Development Project – India Portion (Sikkim). A disbursement of US\$ 0.14 million has been made during financial year 2011-12 and US\$ 0.23 million during 2012-13 under this project.

iii. A loan agreement for an amount equivalent to US\$ 43.42 million has been signed by the Asian Development Bank in the year 2011 for Infrastructure Development Investment Programme for Tourism (Project 1) covering Himachal Pradesh and Punjab. A disbursement of US\$ 1.79 million has been made during financial year 2011-12 and US\$ 3.35 million during 2012-13 under this project.

iv. A loan agreement for an amount equivalent to US\$ 43.84 million has been signed by the Asian Development Bank (ADB) in the year 2012 for Infrastructure Development Investment Programme for Tourism (Project 2) covering Tamil Nadu and Uttarakhand. A disbursement of US\$ 0.05 million has been made under this Project during financial year 2012-13.

(d) The Ministry of Tourism takes up the issue of development of tourism infrastructural projects with foreign loan assistance with various State Governments/Union Territory Administrations through the Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance.