

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
TOURISM  
LOK SABHA**

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DEVELOPMENT OF TOURISM IN TRIBAL AREAS

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to focus on development and promotion of tourism in tribal areas in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of projects and funds sanctioned in this regard along with utilisation of funds reported during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise; and
- (d) the further measures taken/proposed to be taken by the Government for development and promotion of tourism in tribal areas, especially showing their rural life, art, culture and heritage?

**Answer**

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

- (a) and (b): Development and promotion of various tourism projects, including those in tribal areas, are primarily the responsibility of respective State Governments/Union Territory (UT) Administrations. Ministry of Tourism provides Central Financial Assistance for projects identified by the State Governments/UT Administrations subject to adherence to scheme guidelines, inter-se priority, availability of funds.
- (c): The state-wise details of the amount sanctioned to the State Governments/Union Territory (UT) Administrations for projects of development and promotion of tourism in tribal areas during each of the last three years and current year are given in Annexure.
- (d): Ministry of Tourism has earmarked 2.5% of its annual plan budget of 2012-13 for development and promotion of tourism in tribal areas.