

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:271

ANSWERED ON:15.03.2013

TOURISM CIRCUITS PARKS AND RURAL TOURISM CLUSTERS

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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) the list of Tourism Circuits, Tourism Parks and Rural Tourism Clusters identified by the National Level Consultant (NLC) appointed by the Government in each State/Union Territory for integrated development in association with the States/UTs during the 12th Five Year Plan, State/UT-wise;
- (b) the projects sanctioned out of them including the funds sanctioned/released thereunder along with the implementation status thereof, project-wise;
- (c) whether the Government has received requests/proposals from various States/UTs particularly from Odisha and Bihar for inclusion of more such Tourism Circuits/Parks and Clusters;
- (d) if so, the details thereof, State/UT- wise along with the reaction of the Government thereto; and
- (e) the time by which these projects are likely to be completed?

Answer

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

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

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.271 ANSWERED ON 15.03.2013 REGARDING TOURISM CIRCUITS/PARKS AND RURAL TOURISM CLUSTERS.

(a) 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 Eastern Region (NER) a study has been conducted by Tata Consultancy Services commissioned by the North Eastern Council, Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region.

The list of Tourism Circuits, Tourism Parks and Rural Tourism Clusters identified by the NLC for all States/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.

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

At present, the project proposals i.e. Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) of the identified projects are being prepared. The project proposals submitted by the State Governments/UT Administrations are being sanctioned by the MOT as per the Scheme Guidelines, inter-se priority and subject to availability of funds.

(c) to (e) The MOT had received proposals from the State Governments of Jammu & Kashmir, Haryana, Punjab and Rajasthan for the inclusion of more destinations in the list of circuits identified for integrated development. No such request has been received from the States of Odisha and Bihar.

The requests of State Governments/UT Administrations are considered by the MOT as per the scheme guidelines.

The projects have been identified for integrated development during the 12th Five Year Plan period. However, the expected date of completion of the projects cannot be indicated as the DPRs has not been finalised.