

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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ROAD CONNECTIVITY TO RELIGIOUS AND TOURIST PLACES

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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government provides financial assistance to State Governments for providing road connectivity to religious and tourist places in the country;
- (b) if so, the State-wise details of requests received by the Government in this regard along with the action taken thereon and the financial assistance provided to various States including Madhya Pradesh during each of the last three years and the current year;
- (c) the details of tourist places/ destinations in the country which are connected through National Highway roads/State roads; and
- (d) the details of such tourist places which are still not connected through NH roads/ State roads along with the action taken or being taken by the Government to provide road connectivity to these places and the progress made so far in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI SARVEY SATHYANARAYANA)

(a) and (b) Besides providing funds for development of State Roads under CRF, the Government provides financial assistance to the State Governments for development of State Roads projects under Inter State Connectivity (ISC) schemes facilitating inter-State connectivity between States and under Economic Importance (EI) schemes for roads either directly connecting to or leading to an important market centre, economic zone, industrial, agricultural region, tourist centre, religious centre and the like where significant economic activity is being undertaken. The State / UT-wise details of funds allocated and expenditure incurred under ISC & EI schemes during the last three years and the current year is annexed.

(c) and (d) Ministry is mainly responsible for development and maintenance of National Highways (NH). Declaration of NHs is a continuous process and new stretches are declared as NH keeping in view the requirement of connectivity, inter-se priority, availability of funds etc. Connectivity to the tourist place is not the only criteria.