

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DEVELOPMENT OF TOURISM IN KARNATAKA
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the proposal for light and sound programme at Mysore Palace and Hampi in Karnataka for development of tourism has been under consideration of the Government;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether there is a proposal from India Tourism Development Corporation (ITDC) in this regard;
- (d) if so the details thereof; and
- (e) the time by which the proposal is likely to be sanctioned and implemented?

Answer

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

(a) to (e): Development and promotion of tourism destinations & products and implementation of tourism projects is primarily the responsibility of the respective State Government/Union Territory (UT) Administration. However, the Ministry of Tourism provides Central Financial Assistance (CFA) to the State Governments/Union Territory (UT) Administrations for tourism projects identified in consultation with them, subject to availability of funds, inter-se- priority and adherence to the scheme guidelines.

No proposal for Light and Sound programme at Mysore Palace and Hampi has been prioritized for the grant of CFA during the current financial year.

However, the Ministry of Tourism had sanctioned a project "Development of Sound & Light show at Hampi" to India Tourism Development Corporation (ITDC) during 2003-04 with CFA of Rs. 176.00 lakh. This project could not be completed by ITDC since the site was not made available due to restrictions from Archaeological Survey of India (ASI).

ITDC has submitted no new proposal for Development of Sound & Light Show either at Mysore Palace or Hampi in Karnataka.