

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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INVESTMENT IN DEVELOPMENT OF TOURISM INFRASTRUCTURE

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

- (a) the total investment in the development of tourism related infrastructure both through public sector and public-private partnerships during each of the last three years and the current year;
- (b) the number of projects undertaken, the amount sanctioned and utilized thereunder during the said period, State/UT-wise; and
- (c) the further measures being taken by the Government to promote tourism in the country?

**Answer**

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

(a) and (b): The Ministry of Tourism has a scheme of Assistance for Large Revenue Generating (LRG) Projects for development of tourism infrastructure, in order to bring in private sector, corporate and institutional resources as well as techno-managerial efficiency. The projects admissible under this scheme should be of tourist's attraction or used by tourists to generate revenue through levy of fee or user charges on the visitors.

Some of the important items which are covered under this scheme are: Tourist trains, Cruise vessels, Cruise Terminals, Convention Centres, Golf Courses, Health and Rejuvenation facilities and last mile connectivity to tourist destinations, etc.

The subsidy under the scheme has a cap of Rs.50 crore subject to a maximum of 25% of total project cost or 50% of equity contribution of the promoters, whichever is lower. Projects sanctioned in this scheme so far are mainly luxury tourist trains, ropeways, development of golf courses, etc. The number of LRG Projects and amount sanctioned during 11th Five Year Plan is given in the Annexure.

(c): Ministry of Tourism is promoting the tourism industry in the country as a holistic destination in the domestic and international markets through print and electronic media campaigns, tourists literature, and publicity collaterals and also through its India Tourism offices located in India and abroad.