

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
LOK SABHA**

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TOURISM CIRCUITS PARKS AND RURAL TOURISM CLUSTERS

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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of Tourism Circuits, Tourism Parks and Rural Tourism Clusters identified by the Government in the country during the 12th Five Year Plan, State/UT-wise;
- (b) the projects sanctioned out of them including the funds sanctioned/released thereunder along with their implementation status, project-wise;
- (c) whether there is any proposal to develop the Ram-Janki Circuit on the lines of Buddhist Circuit and Buxar as a tourist centre in Bihar and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Union Government has received requests/proposals from various States for inclusion of more such tourism circuits/parks and clusters;and
- (e) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise along with the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (DR. K. CHIRANJEEVI)

- (a) A list of Tourism Circuits, Tourism Parks and Rural Tourism Clusters identified by NLC for all State/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) A list of projects and amounts sanctioned during 2012-13 and 2013-14 (till 30.09.2013) is given at Annexure-III.
- (c) The Development of tourism infrastructure is the responsibility of the State Government. The proposal to develop the Ram-Janki Circuit has been prioritized by the State Government of Bihar for Central Financial Assistance up to Rs.8.00 Crore in the current financial year 2013-14. No proposal has been received from the State Government to develop Buxar as a tourist centre in Bihar.
- (d) and (e) Ministry of Tourism holds prioritization meetings with State Governments/Union Territory Administrations before the commencement of financial year. All pending and new tourism projects are prioritized in the prioritization meeting in consultation with them on the basis of its tourism potential. The Ministry of Tourism provides central financial assistance for tourism projects based on the proposals received from them which are complete in all respects as per the Scheme Guidelines, inter-se priority and subject to availability of funds.