GOVERNMENT OF INDIA TOURISM LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:205 ANSWERED ON:22.07.2014 PROMOTION OF TOURISM Choudhary Col. (Retd) Sona Ram

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the schemes/projects being implemented for development and promotion of tourism in the country including Raiasthan;
- (b) the number of tourist visited annually and the revenue earned therefrom, State/UT-wise;
- (c) the amenities/facilities provided at tourist destinations and pilgrimage centres in the country particularly in Rajasthan; and
- (d) the fresh initiatives taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to promote tourism in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)(SHRI SHRIPAD NAIK)

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

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 205 ANSWERED ON 22.07.2014 REGARDING PROMOTION OF TOURISM

- (a): The details of major Schemes are given in the Annexure-I. The number of projects and amount sanctioned during the last three years for all States/UTs including Rajasthan is given in the Annexure-II.
- (b): The number of Domestic Tourist Visits (DTVs) and Foreign Tourist Visits (FTVs) to the States/Union Territories (UTs) during 2011, 2012 and 2013 is given in Annexure-III. Ministry of Tourism (MOT) compiles data on Foreign Exchange Earnings (FEEs) through tourism only at the national level. The FEEs for the years 2011, 2012 and 2013 are given below:-

Year Amount (Rs. in Crore) 2011 77,591 2012 94,487 2013 1,07,671

(c): Development and promotion of tourism is primarily the responsibility of the respective State Government/Union Territory (UT) Administration. The Ministry of Tourism provides Central Financial Assistance (CFA) for tourism projects under Centrally Sponsored Scheme viz. Project Infrastructure Development for Destination and Circuits (PIDDC) to various State Governments and Union Territory Administrations, including the State of Rajasthan, prioritized in consultation with them, as per the Scheme Guidelines, interse priority and subject to availability of funds.

At various project sites amenities are provided as per the State Government proposals for each project, which depends upon local requirement, fund availability, etc. and varies from project to project. However, the details of admissible amenities/components under this scheme are given at Annexure-IV.

(d): The promotion of tourism is a continuous process. Ministry of Tourism has taken various steps to boost Tourism in the Country. The details of the same are given at Annexure-V.