

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
LOK SABHA**

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PRIORITIZED TOURISM PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the projects prioritized for the development of tourism in the country and the funds provided thereunder during 2013-14, State-wise;
- (b) the details of utilization of funds reported out of the sanctioned funds under the projects prioritized for development of tourism during each of the last three years along with the status thereof;
- (c) whether any monitoring mechanism has been put in place by the Government to review the progress of such projects; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the further measures being taken by the Government to promote tourism in the country?

Answer

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

(a) to (d): Development and promotion of tourism is primarily the responsibility of the respective State Government/Union Territory (UT) Administration. However, the Ministry of Tourism (MOT) provides Central Financial Assistance (CFA) to various State Governments/Union Territory Administration for various tourism projects prioritized every year in consultation with them subject to availability of funds, inter-se priority and adherence to the scheme guidelines.

The amount sanctioned, released and utilised under the Product/Infrastructure Destination Development and Circuits (PIDDC) Scheme during the years 2011-12 and 2012-13 is given at Annexure-I.

The number of projects and amount sanctioned for the year 2013-14 is given at Annexure-II. However, the Utilisation Certificates for projects sanctioned during the year 2013-14 will become due only from 1st April, 2015.

The Ministry of Tourism monitors the implementation of projects through field inspections by the officers of the Ministry, and periodical review meetings with the State Government/Union Territory Administration officers. Further, all States/UTs have set-up State Level Monitoring Committee (SLMC) which regularly review the progress of tourism infrastructure projects.