

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
LOK SABHA**

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DEVELOPMENT OF KODAIKANAL
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is planning to construct a helipad at Kodaikanal in Tamil Nadu for the purpose of tourism development; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the steps proposed to be taken to develop Kodaikanal as a tourist destination?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): The development and promotion of various tourism destinations & products is primarily the responsibility of the respective State Government/Union Territory (UT) Administration. The Ministry of Tourism, however, provides Central Financial Assistance (CFA) to various State Governments & UT Administrations for tourism projects prioritized in consultation with them for each financial year, subject to availability of funds, inter-se-priority and adherence to scheme guidelines.

The Ministry of Tourism, Government of India has neither sanctioned any project for the construction of a Helipad at Kodaikanal in Tamil Nadu, nor has any project been prioritised for grant of CFA during the current financial year for this purpose.

During the year 2008-09, the Ministry of Tourism, Government of India had sanctioned CFA of Rs.427.03 lakh with the release of Rs.341.62 lakh for the project Development of Kodaikanal -Phase II under the Product/Infrastructure Development for Destinations and Circuits Scheme.