

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
TOURISM  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1774  
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REPLICA OF AJANTA CAVES  
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**Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether any proposal for providing financial assistance for preparing replicas of ancient caves in Ajanta for the use of tourists has been received from the State Government of Maharashtra;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has provided any financial assistance for preparing the said replicas; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (d): A proposal was received from the State Government of Maharashtra to fund creation of Cave Replicas of selected caves at the Ajanta Visitor Centre as a component under the Ajanta Ellora Development Project Phase II for which a loan Agreement for an amount equivalent to 7331 million Japanese Yen (Rs. 299 crore approx) was signed between the Govt. of India (Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance) and Japan International Cooperation Agency on 31st March 2003. The Ministry of Tourism, Government of India has neither provided any Central Financial Assistance to the Government of Maharashtra under any of its schemes nor has the component been funded under the aforementioned project.