

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
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WORLD BANK SUPPORT FOR MATHURA VRINDAVAN TOURIST CIRCUIT
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the World Bank has proposed to support with Rs.440 crore towards infrastructural and tourist circuit of Mathura-Vrindavan Braj areas;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the terms and conditions of the loan and repayment therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

(a) to (c): The Uttar Pradesh Pro Poor Tourism Development Project has been approved by the Screening Committee of the Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance and has been posed to the World Bank for an external assistance of USD 210 million. The above project aims to contribute to improving living conditions and increasing income opportunities for poor through enhanced tourism development in selected destinations in the Buddhist Circuit, Braj region and Agra. The Project will leverage resources through advisory and technical assistance and financing for institutional strengthening, asset rehabilitation, infrastructure and services along the Buddhist Circuit and Braj Agra Corridor.