

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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FACILITIES TO TOURISTS AT MONUMENTS
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the schemes launched for providing facilities to tourists, visiting temples and monuments in various parts of the country;
- (b) the facilities provided to the tourists at monument sites in Rajasthan, Gujarat and Auran- gabad during the last three years and the current year, monument-wise; and
- (c) the funds allocated and expenditure incurred in this regard during the said period?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): The Ministry of Tourism (MOT) has laun- ched two new Schemes which were announced in the Budget 2014-15 as detailed below:

- (a) Integrated Development of theme Based Tourist Circuits (Swadesh Darshan) Five Tourist Circuits around specific themes.
- (b) National Mission on Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual Augmentation Drive (PRASAD).

Besides the above schemes, MOT has also an existing Centrally Sponsored Scheme namely: Product/Infrast- ructure Development for Destinations and Circuits (PIDDC). Under this scheme, MOT provides Central Financial Assistance (CFA) for development of tourism infrastructure which includes facilities for tourists at monument sites, to various States/UTs including Rajasthan, Gujarat and Maharashtra. Some of the major facilities for which MOT provides CFA are as under:

- 1) Improvement of the surroundings of the destination. This would include activities like landscaping, deve- lopment of parks, fencing, compound wall etc.
- 2) Illumination of the Tourist destination and the area around and SEL Shows etc.
- 3) Providing for improvement in solid waste management and sewerage management, Public Conveniences, etc.
- 4) Improvement of road connectivity leading to the tourist sites,especially from the National Highways/ State highways and other entry points.
- 5) Construction of Wayside Public Conveniences.
- 6) Signages and display boards showing Tourist Area Maps and documentation on places of interest at the locations.
- 7) Tourist Arrival Centres, Reception Centres, Inter- pretation Centres.
- 8) The number of tourism projects, amount sanctioned/ released/utilised is given at Annexure.