

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
LOK SABHA**

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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE BY WORLD BANK FOR TOURISM DEVELOPMENT
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the World Bank and Asian Development Bank have provided any financial assistance for tourism development in the country during the last three years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the names of the States and the areas especially the backward maoist and tribal areas of Chhattisgarh where financial assistance meant for the development of tourist places has been utilized?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): Details of financial assistance received from the World Bank for development of the tourism sector in the country during the last three years are as follows:

The Ministry of Tourism, Government of India, the Departments of Tourism of the Governments of Bihar and Uttar Pradesh and International Finance Corporation (World Bank Group) had entered into an agreement in October 2013 to cooperate in upgrading the quality of services and goods provided for tourists along the Buddhist Circuit in India. The project has been completed. The contributions for the project (Phase-I) were as follows:

Total Cost : Rs. 450.00 lakh

IFC 40% of the project cost in Phase-I Rs.180.00 lakh
Ministry of Tourism 50% of the project cost in Phase-I Rs.225.00 lakh
State Govts of Uttar Pradesh & Bihar 5% each of the project cost in Phase-I (Rs.22.50 lakh each)

The details of financial assistance received from the Asian Development Bank for development of the tourism sector in the country may be seen at annexure.