

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
LOK SABHA**

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Special Package for Promotion of Tourism

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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has provided special financial package to various State Governments for the promotion of tourism;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise including Uttar Pradesh, Gujarat and Kerala and the extent by which the economic growth and employment is likely to be benefited;
- (c) whether the Government has received any proposals from the various State Governments for development and promotion of tourism and if so, the details thereof, State-wise along with the status of the said proposals;
- (d) the funds/special package allocated and expenditure incurred thereon during the last three years, State-wise and year-wise; and
- (e) whether the Government has provided financial assistance to State Governments to develop "Micro Tourism Spots" and if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
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(a) and (b): The Ministry of Tourism provides Central Financial Assistance to State Governments/UT Administrations for tourism projects, including those which are part of the special package/plan announced by the Government of India.

The Ministry of Tourism has not sanctioned any special package projects to the States of Uttar Pradesh, Gujarat and Kerala. However, Ministry of Tourism has sanctioned projects under special financial packages to the States of Uttarakhand, Bihar and Jammu & Kashmir, details of which are at Annexure-I.

The objective of these special packages is to develop tourism infrastructure and to incentivise the tourism sector in these states for attracting foreign and domestic tourists and create employment opportunities for the local populace.

(c) to (e): Project proposals are received from State Governments/UT Administrations from time to time seeking Central Financial Assistance under various operative infrastructure development schemes in tourism sector. Details of projects sanctioned during the last three years (State/UT-wise) under operative schemes of the Ministry of Tourism is given at Annexure-II.
