## GOVERNMENT OF INDIA TOURISM LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:102 ANSWERED ON:15.07.2014 MEGA TOURIST PARKS CIRCUITS Pal Shri Jagdambika

## Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of mega tourist parks/circuits set up in the country along with their locations;
- (b) the details of the amenities being provided in these parks/circuits;
- (c) the details of funds allocated/released and utilised during the last one year, State/UT-wise;
- (d) whether the Government also proposes to set up more such parks/circuits and if so, the details thereof along with the locations identified/sanctioned for the purpose, State/UT-wise including places associated with Lord Buddha; and
- (e) the time by which the said tourist parks/circuits are likely to be set up?

## **Answer**

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

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.102 ANSWERED ON 15.07.2014 REGARDING MEGA TOURIST PARKS/CIRCUITS

(a) to (c): The Ministry of Tourism (MOT) does not have any specific scheme for setting up Mega Tourist Parks in the country. However, the Ministry of Tourism provides Central Financial Assistance (CFA) up to an amount of Rs.50 crores, under Centrally Sponsored Scheme viz. Project Infrastructure Development for Destination and Circuits (PIDDC) for Mega Tourism Circuits to various State Governments and Union Territory Administrations prioritized in consultation with them, as per the Scheme Guidelines, inter-se priority and subject to availability of funds.

The State/UT wise list of Mega Tourism Circuits, including locations associated with Lord Buddha, sanctioned/identified, funds allocated, released and utilised till 2013-14 year is given at Annexure-I.

The details of admissible amenities/components under this scheme are given at Annexure-II.

(d) and (e): MOT does not have any scheme/proposal for setting up Tourism Parks. However, MOT provides annually Central Financial Assistance for setting up tourism projects including Mega tourism Circuits in consultation with State/UT Govt. The list of such Mega tourist Circuits prioritized for the year 2014-15 is given at Annexure- III.

The project timeline for completion of each such project is decided in consultation with the concerned State/UT Govt. at the time of sanction of the project, which generally does not exceed 36 months and varies from project to project.