

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
LOK SABHA**

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DEVELOPMENT OF TOURISM INFRASTRUCTURE
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal for beautification and development of infrastructure to attract more tourists at Chikmagalur and Udupi in the State of Karnataka;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government in this regard;
- (c) whether the Government is also promoting tourist activities by providing grant for budget and economy hotels, affordable transport, rail connection, enhance highway and guided tours to tourists in Chikmagalur, Udupi and other nearest tourist places to attract more tourists;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the funds allocated and the expenditure incurred for beautification and improving amenities and infrastructure at all pilgrimage centres under National Mission on Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual Augmentation Drive during each of the last three years and the current year?

Answer

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

(a) to (d): The development and promotion of various tourism destinations & products and implementation of tourism projects is primarily the responsibility of the respective State Government/Union Territory (UT) Administration. The Ministry of Tourism, however, provides Central Financial Assistance (CFA) to various State Governments and Union Territory Administrations for tourism projects prioritised in consultation with them for each financial year, subject to receipt of Detailed Project Report (DPR), availability of funds, inter-se- priority and adherence to scheme guidelines.

Ministry of Tourism has sanctioned CFA of Rs.123.36 lakh with a release of Rs.98.69 lakh to the State Government of Karnataka for project "Destination Development of Coastal Religious Circuits on Singeri-Udupi-Karkala, Karnataka" in the year 2009-10. The State Government of Karnataka has prioritized a project "Tourist Train to Kukke Subrahmanya via Sakleshpura" under Large Revenue Generating Scheme for grant of CFA during the current financial year 2014-15.

(e): The National Mission on Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual Augmentation Drive (PRASAD) has been announced during the annual budget of the current financial year 2014-15. The Scheme Guidelines for PRASAD are being finalized.