

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
TOURISM  
LOK SABHA**

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SPECIAL STATUS OF TOURIST STATE TO RAJASTHAN

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to accord special status of Tourist State to Rajasthan;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of foreign and domestic tourists who visited Rajasthan during the last three years, year-wise;
- (d) whether the Government has given any special/additional grant to Rajasthan for development of tourism; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a) and (b): No, Madam. Ministry of Tourism, Government of India has no Scheme to accord special status of a Tourist State to any State/Union Territory Administration.

(c): Number of foreign and domestic tourist visits to Rajasthan during the last three years are as follows:-

Year	Foreign	Domestic
2011	1351974	27137323
2012	1451370	28611831
2013	1437162	30298150

(d) & (e): No, Madam. Ministry of Tourism provides Central Financial Assistance (CFA) for tourism projects, prioritized in consultation with the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations for each financial year, subject to availability of funds, inter se- priority, adherence to scheme guidelines and submission of utilization certificates for the projects sanctioned earlier. Details of number of projects, along with CFA sanctioned, for development of tourism infrastructure in the State of Rajasthan during last three years are given below:

(Rs. in lakh)			
Sl.No.	Years	No. of Projects	Amount Sanctioned
1	2011-12	01	500.00
2	2012-13	0	0.00
3	2013-14	10	5174.71