

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:296
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TOURISM IN RAJASTHAN AND BIHAR
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government provides any assistance to the State Governments of Rajasthan and Bihar to develop its tourism potential and increase tourism activities in these States;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the quantum of funds sanctioned in this regard during the last one year and the current year for each State, project/scheme-wise;
- (c) whether any time-bound programme has been prepared in this regard; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) and (b): Yes, Madam. Ministry of Tourism provides Central Financial Assistance (CFA) for tourism projects, prioritized in consultation with the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations, including for the States of Rajasthan and Bihar, 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 as development and promotion of tourism is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations.

Details of funds sanctioned for the tourism projects during last one year for the States of Rajasthan and Bihar are annexed.

(c) & (d): Timely completion of tourism projects is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments/UT Administration. Ministry of Tourism also monitors the implementation of projects through field inspection by the officers of the Ministry, periodical review meetings with the State/UT officers, etc.