GOVERNMENT OF INDIA TOURISM LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:395 ANSWERED ON:25.11.2014 TOURISM PROJECTS IN TENTH PLAN Rathwa Shri Ramsinh Patalyabhai

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the details of pending tourism projects sanctioned during the Tenth Five Year Plan, State-wise;

(b) the steps taken for timely completion of these projects;

(c) whether important heritage sites and tourist destinations in the country are not well connected with roads and if so, the action taken to connect heritage sites with national highways; and

(d) the other steps taken to promote domestic tourism?

Answer

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

(a): A statement giving State-wise details of tourism projects sanctioned during the 10th five Year Plan for which completion certificates have not been received for State Government/UT Administration is given at Annexed.

(b): Ministry of Tourism monitors the implementation of projects through, field inspections by the officers of the Ministry, periodical review meetings with the State Government/Union Territory Administration officers. Further, all States/UTs have set-up State Level Monitoring Committee (SLMC) which regularly review the progress of tourism infrastructure projects.

(c): The tourism projects undertaken with the Central Financial Assistance (CFA) may include component of last mile connectivity to the tourism sites.

(d): The development and promotion of tourism is primarily the responsibility of the respective State Government/Union Territory (UT) Administration. The Ministry of Tourism (MOT) provides Central Financial Assistance (CFA) to various State Governments/Union Territory Administration for various tourism projects prioritized every year in consultation with them subject to availability of funds, interse priority and adherence to the scheme guidelines.

The Ministry of Tourism, as part of ongoing activities, annually releases print, electronic online and outdoor media campaigns in the international and domestic markets, under the incredible India brand line, to promote various tourism destinations of the country.