

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:319

ANSWERED ON:15.12.2014

DEVELOPMENT OF TOURISM ALONG RIVER BANKS

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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is contemplating to develop areas along the river banks and the origin of some rivers to boost tourism in the country including Ganga, Yamuna, Godavari and Krishna;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, river-wise and State-wise along with the funds allocated and the expenditure incurred thereon during the last three years;
- (c) whether the Government has any scheme for development of coastal areas to boost tourism in the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the details of coastal areas developed so far, State-wise including coastal areas of Mumbai; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to conduct a study to ascertain the tourism potential in these areas?

Answer

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

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

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.319 ANSWERED ON 15.12.2014 REGARDING DEVELOPMENT OF TOURISM ALONG RIVER BANKS.

(a) to (e): 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 State Governments/Union Territory Administrations for various tourism projects prioritized every year in consultation with them subject to availability of funds, inter-se priority, liquidation of pending utilization certificates against the funds released earlier and adherence to the scheme guidelines. Some of projects also include the components for development of areas along river banks and the development of coastal areas.

The details of tourism projects sanctioned and amount sanctioned/released to various State/ UT Governments relating to rivers/lakes and coastal areas during the last three years are given at Annexure.

Ministry of Tourism has so far not conducted any specific study to ascertain tourism potential of areas across the rivers and coastal areas.