

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
LOK SABHA**

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ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW TOURIST CENTRES
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) the plan and programme of the Central Government to make new tourist centres in different parts of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, including the identified places;
- (c) whether the Government has identified any new tourist centre in West Bengal; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the amount allocated and sanctioned for West Bengal?

Answer

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

(a): The development and promotion of tourism and identification of new tourist centres in the country is primarily the responsibility of the respective State Government/Union Territory (UT) Administration. However, the Ministry of Tourism (MOT) provides Central Financial Assistance (CFA) to various State Governments/Union Territory Administrations, including State of West Bengal, 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.

(b) to (d): List of projects prioritized for the States/UTs including West Bengal for the year 2014-15 is given at Annexure-I.

No funds have been sanctioned to the State of West Bengal during the current financial year due to pendency of utilization certificates.