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Title: Need to extend adequate Central Assistance for development of tourism in the State of Rajasthan- Laid.

SHRI DUSHYANT SINGH (JHALAWAR): I draw the attention of the Government of India to the need to provide the infrastructural facilities to develop Rajasthan as an important destination of tourists. The State is one of the most favoured destinations of national as well as international tourists. According to an estimate, out of 30 lakhs foreign tourists arrival in India in 2003 more than 6.2 lakh of them visited Rajasthan. The State will be able to draw large number of tourists in the coming years if the Jaipur Airport is upgraded as an international airport. At the same time it is necessary to provide better air connectivity to and from various airports in Rajasthan. The proposal to set up an International Convention Centre, enhancement of allocation of funds for development of Mewar Complex, development of International Golf Course at Jaipur, Tourism Complex at Jaipur and Jhalawar and the provision of Central assistance to Elephant Village, Amer will accelerate the process of development of tourism in the State.

Since the State is not developed at par with other developed and developing States and there is a tremendous untapped tourist potential in the State, I demand that Government of India formulate a task force and release adequate Central assistance to the State to develop Rajasthan as a State of national as well as international tourist interest which will generate employment for the local people and help the Centre in earning valuable foreign exchange due to the increase in the flow of foreign tourists.