

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM AND CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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ASSISTANCE FROM JAPAN FOR TOURISM DEVELOPMENT
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Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Japan has agreed to provide assistance to India in the form of soft loan for conservation of cultural heritage and tourism;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; (
- (c) whether the package from Japan for 2002 had been announced by Japanese foreign minister during his visit in January, 2003; and
- (d) if so, to what extent the Government propose to utilize this fund?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN)

(a) & (b): Ministry of Finance and Company Affairs has informed that Japan Bank for International Cooperation has approved loan assistance of approximately Rs.4417 crores to India for following seven projects out of which one at Sl. No.7 is in tourism sector:

Sl.No.	Name of the Project	Loan amount (in Million Yen)
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1.	Simbhadri Thermal Power Station Project (IV)	5,684
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2.	Bakreswar Thermal Power Station Units Extension Project	36,771
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3.	Delhi Mass Rapid Transport System Project (IV)	34,012
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4.	Punjab Afforestation Project (II)	5,054
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5.	Rajasthan Forestry and Bio-Diversity Conservation Project	9,054
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6.	Yamuna Action Plan Project (II)	13,333
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7	Ajanta-Ellora Conservation and Tourism Development Project (II)	7,331
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(c): Japanese Foreign Minister during her visit to India in January 2003 had conveyed the decision of Government of Japan to provide the above mentioned loan assistance to India.

(d): The utilization of these loans would depend on the progress in implementation of the projects.