

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:217  
ANSWERED ON:04.08.2003  
ENTERTAINMENT FACILITIES AT TOURIST PLACES  
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**Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether tourist spots in the country lack sufficient entertainment facilities;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Union Government are providing financial assistance to the State Governments for creation of entertainment facilities at tourist places to promote tourism;
- (d) if so, the total assistance provided to each State during each of the last three years for the same;
- (e) whether private sector's participation has been encouraged by State Governments to provide such facilities at tourist places;
- (f) if so, the details thereof; and
- (g) the directions, if any, issued to State Governments to promote entertainment facilities at tourist places?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE ( SHRI JAGMOHAN)

(a),(b),(c),(d),(e), (f) and (g): A statement is laid on the table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.217 TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.08.2003 REGARDING ENTERTAINMENT FACILITIES AT TOURIST PLACES.

(a) and (b): There is scope for increase and improvement in entertainment facilities at tourist places.

(c): The Department of Tourism provides financial assistance to the State Governments for development of tourism infrastructure. Assistance is also provided for information technology projects, promotion of fairs and festivals, sound and light shows, landscaping and development of parks at tourist destinations etc.

(d): State-wise details of tourism projects sanctioned during the last three years are given in the annexure. These include tourism infrastructure, information technology, fairs & festivals, sound and light shows etc.

(e): Department of Tourism has introduced a scheme of Assistance for Large Revenue Generating Projects. Under this scheme, assistance is provided for tourism projects which can generate revenue. Even private sector can participate in such projects.

(f) and (g): Entertainment industry is primarily in the private sector and the Department of Tourism is in favour of expansion of this industry within the rules and regulations governing this sector and in keeping with the cultural ethos of the country.