

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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WILDLIFE AND FOREST TOURISM IN UTTAR PRADESH
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Uttar Pradesh has vast potential of wildlife life and forest tourism; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government to exploit the tourism potential in the State and the assistance provided to the State Government during the current year?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)(SMT. RENUKA CHOWDHURY)

(a) and (b): It is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations to identify and develop areas with tourism potential including wildlife and forest tourism.

In order to improve the tourism infrastructure in the States, Ministry of Tourism, Government of India, extends financial assistance for the tourism related projects which are identified in consultation with the State Governments/UT Administrations under the schemes of Integrated development of Tourist Circuits, Product/Infrastructure and Destination Development; and Assistance for Large Revenue Generating Projects.

Details of projects sanctioned during the current financial year for Uttar Pradesh are as follows:-

(Rs. in lakhs)

S. No.	Name of the project	Amount Sanctioned	Amount released
1.	Development of (1) Ma Shkumbhari Devi Temple (2) Baba Haridas Mandir (3) Qutabe Alam Dargah at Gangoh in Saharanpur District.	49.28	40.00
2.	Renovation of Radha Kund and Shyam Kund in Mathura District	145.35	116.28
3.	Setting up of Modern Reception Centre at Gorakhpur	245.66	200.00
4.	Renovation/Beautification of Govardhan (Distt. Mathura)	100.77	80.00
5.	Extension and development Assi Ghat at Varanasi	464.78	362.00
6.	Floodlighting of Mahatma Gandhi Statue at Hazrat Ganj and Vijay Stambh at La Martiniere College at Lucknow	11.84	10.75
7.	GOI-UNDP Endogenous Tourism Project at village Bhaguwala in Saharanpur District.	19.75	15.50