

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
TOURISM  
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:103  
ANSWERED ON:01.08.2005  
DEVELOPMENT OF FOREST AND COASTAL AREAS  
Barad Shri Jashubhai Dhanabhai

**Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Union Government are considering any proposal to improve tourism in forest and coastal areas in the country, especially in Gujarat;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(c) the funds released to State Governments for the purpose during the current year?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SMT. RENUKA CHOWDHURY)

(a), (b) & (c): A Statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT IN RESPECT OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 103 TO BE ANSWERED ON 01.08.2005 REGARDING DEVELOPMENT OF FOREST AND COASTAL AREAS.

(a) & (b): The Ministry of Tourism has been assisting State Governments/Union Territories by sanctioning Central Financial Assistance for the projects of development of tourism in the country including forest and coastal areas under the following schemes:

1. Product/Infrastructure development for Destinations and Circuits
2. Assistance to Large Revenue Generating Projects

No proposal has been received from the State Government of Gujarat to develop forest/coastal area during the current financial year.

(c) : Ministry of Tourism has released funds for the following projects for the purpose during the current year:-

1. Restoration of Tamil Nadu Tourism Development Corporation & other Tourist facilities damaged due to Tsunami in coastal areas of Tamil Nadu - Release of Rs.150.00 lakh.
2. Construction of Cottages at Mukki, Madhya Pradesh - Release of Rs.27.32 lakh.
3. Integrated Development of Alappuzha Heritage Town, Kerala - Release of Rs.640.00 lakh.