

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
LOK SABHA**

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IMPROVEMENT IN INFRASTRUCTURE AT TOURISTS SPOTS OF ASSAM

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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Government is aware that due to lack of infrastructure, the tourist spots in Assam have failed to attract expected number of tourists;

(b) if so, the remedial steps taken by the Government in this regard; and

(c) the financial assistance provided to the State Government during the current financial year for the purpose?

Answer

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

(a) and (b): Development of tourism is primarily the responsibility of the State Govts./UTs. However, Ministry of Tourism, Government of India extends financial assistance for tourism-related projects which are identified in consultation with the State Government. During the first two years of the Tenth Plan Rs.1081.59 lakh has been sanctioned to State of Assam for development of infrastructure and tourist circuits for facility of tourists, which has resulted in increase in tourist traffic in the state.

(c): During the current year 2004-05, tourism projects relating to development of NE circuit and Rural Tourism have been sanctioned to the Government of Assam for Rs.487.75 lakh.