

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
TOURISM  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:740

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DEVELOPMENT OF PLACES AS SPECIAL TOURISM AREAS

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

(a) whether the Government has identified places in various States for developing them into special tourism areas; and

(b) if so, the financial assistance sanctioned/released by the Government to the States for developing those areas particularly in Madhya Pradesh during the Tenth Five Year Plan?

**Answer**

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

(a): Development and promotion of tourist spots/places is primarily the responsibility of the State Govt. concerned. Ministry of Tourism provide funds to the State Govts. for the projects which are prioritized in consultation with them every year in the various schemes.

(b): During the Tenth Five Year Plan Rs.1038.85 crore has so far been sanctioned as Central Financial Assistance to various State Govts/UT Administrations, out of which Rs. 799.55 crore has so far been released. A sum of Rs.45.25 crore has so far been sanctioned for Madhya Pradesh out of which Rs.33.60 crore has been released.