

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

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DEVELOPMENT OF TOURISM IN WEST BENGAL
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Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a number of proposals are pending with the Union Government for the development of tourism in West Bengal;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps being taken or proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SMT. AMBIKA SONI)

(a), (b) and (c): Development and promotion of tourism is primarily the responsibility of the State Government/UT Administration.. However, Ministry of Tourism, Government of India, extends financial assistance to the State Governments/UT Administrations for tourism related projects which are identified and prioritized in consultation with them every year under the schemes Integrated Development of Tourist Circuits, Product/Infrastructure & Destination Development and Large Revenue Generating Projects.

Project proposals that are complete in all respect, as per guidelines, are processed on the basis of their inter-se priority, merit and availability of fund under the respect head.

The details of projects sanctioned for development of tourism in West Bengal during the current financial year are as under:-

S.No.	Name of the project Sanctioned (Rs. in lakh)	Amount
1.	Redevelopment/Restoration of Kalighat Complex/area at Kolkata for 21st Centenary	500.00
2.	Development of Tourism at Cooch-Behar City (Distt. Cooch Behar)	475.00