

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:738  
ANSWERED ON:23.02.2006  
FOREIGN TOURIST  
Reddy Shri Karunakara G.

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

- (a) the number of foreign tourists visited India during 2005 and how does it compare with the figures of 2003 and 2004;
- (b) the steps taken by the Government to attract foreign tourists to India;
- (c) whether the Government has sanctioned Rs.50 lakh each for infrastructure development in 55 rural tourism destinations across the country; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a): The number of foreign tourists visiting India for the last three years is as follows:

Year Total Arrivals Increase from Previous year

2003	2726214	14.3%
2004	3457477	23.5%
2005	3915324	13.2%

#Provisional

(b): The Ministry of Tourism through the Indiatourism offices overseas, undertake a series of promotional activities in tourist generating markets overseas for increasing the number of foreign tourists visiting India. These include advertising, participation in fairs and exhibitions, organizing seminars, workshops and road shows, publication of brochures, joint advertising support and inviting media personalities, tour operators and opinion makers to visit the country under the Hospitality Programme of the Ministry. In addition, major centralized publicity campaigns are also taken up in important source markets.

(c) & (d): Ministry of Tourism has sanctioned Rs.50 lakh each to 68 identified rural sites for tourism infrastructure development based on the proposals received from States. The details regarding the same are enclosed at Annexure.

Annexure

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PART (c) & (D) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.738 ANSWERED ON 23.02.2006 REGARDING FOREIGN TOURIST

STATEWISE TOURISM PROJECTS SANCTIONED DURING THE 10TH PLAN UNDER RURAL TOURISM SCHEME OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM TILL DATE ARE AS FOLLOWS

STATE	Sl. No.	Name of the Project	Year	Amount	Amount
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(Rs. in lakh)

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tion tioned ased

1. Andhra Pradesh

- 1 Development of Pochampalli, Nalgonda Distt. 2003-04 50.00 40.00
  - 2 Rural Tourism at Konaseema Village, East Godavari Distt. 2003-04 450.00 50.00
  - 3 Development of Puttaparthi, Ananthpur Distt. 2004-05 49.50 39.60
  - 4 Development of Chinchinada, East Godavari Distt. 2004-05 50.00 40.00
  - 5 Development of Srikalahasti, Chittoor Distt. 2004-05 50.00 40.00
2. Arunachal Pradesh

6 Development of Rural Tourism at Village Rengo, Distt. 2005-06 49.62 39.69  
East Siang.

3. Assam

7 Development of Rural Tourism at Durgapur, Distt. Golaghat 2002-03 46.83 14.04

8 Dehing-Patakai Kshetra, Distt. Tinsukia 2004-05 44.33 35.46

9 Rural Tourism at Sualkuchi in Kamrup Distt. 2004-05 50.00 40.00

10 Rural Tourism Project at village Asharikandi, 2005-06 48.97 39.17  
Distt. Dhubri

4. Bihar

11 Rural Tourism Project, Nepura Village, Distt. Nalanda 2003-04 50.00 40.00

5. Chhattisgarh

12 Development of Rural Tourism at Village Chitrakote, 2003-04 50.00 40.00  
Distt. Bastar

13 Development of Rural Tourism at Chitrokote 2003-04 50.00 40.00

14 Development of Rural tourism at Champaran, Distt. Raipur 2003-04 50.00 15.00

15 Rural Tourism at Nagarnar, Distt. Bastar 2003-04 48.00 38.40

16 Development of Kondagaon, Distt. Bastar 2005-06 50.00 40.00

6. Delhi

17 Rural Tourism at Kotla Mubarakpur 2003-04 09.78 09.78

18 Rural Tourism at Nangli, Razapur, Delhi 2003-04 36.30 36.30

7 Gujarat

19 Development of heritage village at Tera 2003-04 50.00 40.00

20 Rural Tourism at Hodka, Distt. Kachchh 2003-04 50.00 40.00

21 Development of Navagaon and Malegaon rural tourism, 2003-04 92.70 27.81  
Distt. Dang

8. Haryana

22 Rural Tourism at Jyotisar, Distt. Kurukshetra 2003-04 50.00 40.00

9. Himachal Pradesh

23 Rural Tourism at Nagar, Distt. Kullu 2003-04 50.00 40.00

24 Rural Tourism Paragpur, Distt. Kangra Valley 2003-04 50.00 15.00

10. Jammu & Kashmir

25 Development of Rural Tourism at Village Drung, 2005-06 50.00 40.00  
Distt. Baramula

26 Development of Rural Tourism at Village Surinsar, 2005-06 50.00 40.00  
Distt. Jammu

27 Development of Rural Tourism at Village Gagangir, 2005-06 50.00 40.00  
Distt. Srinagar

28 Development of Rural Tourism at Village Pahalgam, 2005-06 50.00 40.00  
Distt. Anantnag

29 Development of Rural Tourism at village Jheri, 2005-06 50.00 40.00  
Distt. Jammu

11. Karnataka

30 Rural Tourism Project at Kokkare Bellur, Distt. Bellur 2002-03 50.00 15.00

31 Development of Attiveri Bird Sanctuary as a rural 2003-04 60.00 18.00  
tourism project, Distt. Uttara Kannada

32 Rural Tourism at Banavasi Distt., Uttara Kannada 2003-04 50.00 40.00

33 Rural Tourism project in Aneundi, Distt. Koppal 2003-04 50.00 40.00

34 Rural Tourism project in Coorg, Distt. Kodagu 2003-04 50.00 40.00

12. Kerala

35 Development of Kumbalangi as Rural Tourism Destination, 2003-04 50.00 40.00  
Distt. Ernakulam

36 Development of rural tourism at Arnamura, Distt. 2003-04 20.00 16.00  
Pathanamthitta

37 Development of village Balrampur in 2004-05 50.00 40.00  
Thiruvananthapuram Distt.

13. Madhya Pradesh

38 Rural tourism in Hatwa village, Distt. Siddhi 2002-03 44.00 13.20

39 Rural tourism at Chaugan, Distt. Mandla 2003-04 50.00 40.00

40 Rural tourism project at Pranpur, Distt. Ashoknagar 2003-04 48.00 38.00

41 Rural Tourism Project at Orchha, Distt. Tikamgarh 2005-06 50.00 40.00

14. Maharashtra

42 Rural Tourism at Sulibhanjan-Khultabad Distt. Aurangabad 2003-04 50.00 40.00

15. Nagaland

43 Rural Tourism at Mopunchupket, Distt. Mokokchung 2002-03 50.00 40.00

16. Orissa

44 Rural Tourism project at Raghurajpur, Distt. Puri 2002-03 50.00 40.00

45 Development of village Pipli in Puri Distt. 2004-05 50.00 40.00

46 Development of Rural Tourism at Village Khiching, 2005-06 50.00 40.00  
Distt. Mayurbhanj

17. Rajasthan

47 Rural tourism at Neemrana, Distt. Alwar 2003-04 50.00 40.00

48 Rural tourism project Samode Village, Distt. Jaipur 2003-04 50.00 40.00

18. Sikkim

49 Development of village Lachen in North Distt. 2004-05 50.00 40.00

19. Tamil Nadu

50 Development of Kazhugumalai Under rural tourism, 2003-04 48.66 38.94  
Distt. Thoothukudi

51 Development of Theerthamalai, Distt. Dharmapuri 2003-04 50.00 40.00

52 Rural tourism at Karaikudi, Chettinadu, Distt. Sivaganga 2003-04 50.00 40.00

53 Development of Devipattinam Navbhashnam in 2005-06 50.00 40.00  
Ramnathapuram Distt.

54 Thirukurugudi, Distt. Tirunelveli 2005-06 50.00 40.00

55 Thirupudaimaarthur, Distt. Tirunelveli, Tamil Nadu 2005-06 49.55 39.64

20. Tripura

56 Rural tourism at Kamlasagar, Distt. West Tripura 2002-03 42.92 13.48

57	Rural tourism at Jampui Hills, Distt. North Tripura	2003-04	50.00	15.00
21.Uttaranchal				
58	Rural tourism project at Jageshwar, Distt. Almora	2002-03	50.00	40.00
59	Rural tourism project in Agora Village (Dodital) Uttar Kashi Distt.	2005-06	48.50	38.80
60	Development of Hub Village at Mottad and its satellite station	2005-06	48.05	38.44
61	Development of Rural Tourism at Village Chekhoni Bora, Distt. Champawat.	2005-06	44.20	35.28
62	Development of Rural Tourism at village Koti, Indroli	2005-06	47.10	37.68
63	Development of Rural Tourism at Village Mana, Distt. Chamoli	2005-06	50.00	40.00
64	Development of Rural Tourism (Eco-Tourism) in Devriyatal at Village Sari, Distt. Rudraprayag	2005-06	45.14	36.00
22.Uttar Pradesh				
65	Development of Rural Tourism at Bhitara Gram, Distt. Rae Bareilly.	2005-06	49.52	39.62
66	Development of Rural Tourism at Village Mukhrai, Distt. Mathura	2005-06	45.89	36.00
23. West Bengal				
67	Development of Rural Tourism Centre at Ballabhpur Danga, Distt. Birbhum	2003-04	50.00	15.00
68	Development of village Sonada, Distt. Darjeeling	2004-05	50.00	40.00
TOTAL			3317.56	2389.33