

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
TOURISM  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3263  
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DEVELOPMENT OF TOURISM IN MAHARASHTRA .  
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**Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:**

- (a) Whether the Government of Maharashtra has submitted any schemes for the development of tourism in the State particularly Vidharbha region to the Union Government;
- (b) If so, the details thereof;
- (c) Whether the Government has taken steps for promotion of tourism in the Vidharbha region on lines of the draft prepared by the Tata Consultancy Services on the potential of tourism in Vidharbha; and
- (d) If so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a) and (b): Development and promotion of tourist places/spots is primarily undertaken by the State Governments/UT Administrations themselves. However, Ministry of Tourism provides funds on the basis of projects prioritized every year in consultation with them. During the 9th and 10th Plan periods (till 2005-06) Ministry of Tourism has sanctioned the following projects for Vidarbha region:

Sr. No.	Name of the project (Rs. in lakh)	Amount sanctioned
1.	Tourist Inn at Tadoba	45.50
2.	Jungle Resort at Khindsey, Nagpur	49.61
3.	Nature Interpretation Centre at Sillari/Pench, Dist. Nagpur	49.94
4.	Tourist complex at Bordam, District Wardha	48.95
5.	Tourist complex at Khekarnala, District Nagpur	49.46
6.	Vidarbha Development Plan	14.75
7.	Adventure and water sports at Chikhaldara District Amaravati	6.71
8.	Adventure & Water sports activity at Navegaon, Khairi, Nagpur District	6.91
9.	Development of View Point at Chikhaldara, District Amaravati	30.00
10.	Budget accommodation at Nagpur	48.68

The above projects have already been completed.

However, no project proposal has been prioritized for development of Vidarbha during 2006-07 nor has any such project proposal been received.

(c): No such proposal has been received from the Government of Maharashtra.

(d): Does not arise.