

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
TOURISM  
LOK SABHA**

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PRIME MINISTER S RECONSTRUCTION PROGRAMME  
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**Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:**

- (a) Whether the Government has any proposal to revive tourist spots in various parts of the country under the Prime Minister's Reconstruction Programme ;
- (b) If so, the details thereof and the amount earmarked for the same ;
- (c) Whether any such spot has been identified for Tamil Nadu which are devastated by Tsunami ;
- (d) If so, the details thereof; and
- (e) The time by which these are likely to be developed ?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): The Reconstruction Plan for Jammu & Kashmir, announced by the Prime Minister during November, 2004 has a component of Rs. 279.50 crore for tourism sector, which consists of;

- (1). Setting up of 50 tourist villages across the State;
- (2). Financial support for 12 Tourism Development Authorities;
- (3). Establishment of a new Tourist Circuit;
- (4). Assistance to travel agents for marketing;
- (5). Training to tourism industry personnel for capacity building;
- (6). Development of skills for youth for employment/self employment in tourism industry.

In addition, Prime Minister also announced a tourism package for Nagaland for 2004-05 amounting to Rs.25.00 crore. Ministry of Tourism has sanctioned an amount of Rs.22.35 crore during 2004-05 and Rs. 25.28 crore during 2005-06 for Nagaland State. No other package or Reconstruction Programme has been announced for tourism by Prime Minister.

(c), (d) & (e): Ministry of Tourism has sanctioned Rs.499.50 lakh and released Rs.184.96 lakh in 2005-06 for restoration of Tamil Nadu Tourism Development Corporation and other tourism facilities damaged due to Tsunami in Tamil Nadu.