

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
LOK SABHA**

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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) the steps being taken by the Government to promote tourist spots like Charminar and Golkonda Fort in Andhra Pradesh; and
(b) if so, the assistance provided to the State Govt. for the purpose?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (SMT.RENUKA CHOWDHURY)

(a) and (b): Development and promotion of tourism is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments/UT Administrations. However, the Department of Tourism provides central financial assistance to them for putting up infrastructural facilities etc. at important tourist places.

During the 8th Plan and 9th Plan the Department of Tourism has sanctioned Rs.1599.74 lakhs for development and promotion of tourism in Andhra Pradesh which includes sanction of Rs.59.88 lakhs for Golkonda and Rs.63.78 lakhs for Charminar.

During the 10th Five Year Plan, Rs.507.50 lakhs have been sanctioned in 2002-03 and Rs.946.50 lakhs during 2003-04 for the State of Andhra Pradesh.