

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
TOURISM  
LOK SABHA**

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DEVELOPMENT OF TOURISM

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

- (a) whether the Government is facing various problems in regard to finance, infrastructure and security in the development of tourism;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to deal with such problems; and
- (d) the outcome thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a), (b), (c) & (d): Development and promotion of tourism in the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations. However, the Ministry of Tourism extends Central Financial Assistance to all the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations for promotion and development of tourism under the following Schemes:

1. Product/Infrastructure Development for Destinations and Circuits
2. Assistance to Large Revenue Generating Projects
3. Computerization and Information Technology
4. Events/Fairs and Festivals

During the 10th Plan period the Ministry of Tourism has sanctioned 1160 projects for an amount of Rs.2011.68 crore.

The Ministry of Tourism has advised all the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations to deploy Tourist Police to ensure safety & security of tourists at important tourist centres. Some of the State Governments have deployed Tourist Police in one form or another.