

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware that there is huge potential of tribal tourism in the country, especially in Maharashtra ;
- (b) if so, whether any action plan is to be formulated for the development of tribal tourism in the country; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a), (b) & (c): Development and promotion of tourism including tribal tourism is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations. However, Ministry of Tourism under the scheme of Product/Infrastructure Development for Destinations and Circuits (including rural tourism) extends Central Financial Assistance to the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations. The proposals that are complete in all respects are examined as per the Scheme guidelines and funds released on the basis of inter-se priority and availability of funds.

The Ministry of Tourism has sanctioned Rs.82.68 crore for 52 projects to Government of Maharashtra during the 10th Five Year Plan.