

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
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WORLD HERITAGE SITES

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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government has taken up developmental work of world heritage sites in the country including Tamil Nadu and Madhya Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and site-wise;
- (c) whether the tourist place "Mandu" of Madhya Pradesh is also included in the list of world heritage sites and the developmental work taken up at tourist place Lhumunda Tekari and installing of ropeway there;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the funds allocated and spent on world heritage sites during the last three years, State-wise and site-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM(KUMARI SELJA)

(a) to (d): Development of tourist places is primarily undertaken by the concerned State Governments/Union Territory Administrations. The Ministry of Tourism, however, provides financial assistance to States/Union Territories for tourism projects based on the proposals received from them subject to availability of funds and inter-se-priority. The following projects have been sanctioned at UNESCO World Heritage Sites in Madhya Pradesh and Tamil Nadu during the first two years of the Eleventh Five Year Plan:

1. Rs.463.50 lakh for Destination Development of Sanchi, Madhya Pradesh during 2007-08.
2. Rs.419.67 lakh for development of Western Group of Temple in Khajuraho, Madhya Pradesh) during 2007-08.
3. Rs.273.03 lakh for construction of Traffic Interchange Node-cum-Tourist Facilitation Centre at Mamallapuram, Tamil Nadu during 2008-09.

Mandu is not a UNESCO World Heritage Site. However, the Ministry of Tourism has sanctioned the following project for development of Mandu in Madhya Pradesh during the Eleventh Five Year Plan.

1. Rs. 426.84 lakh for Destination Development of Mandu (Phase-II) during 2008-09.

(e) State-wise details of projects sanctioned for development and promotion of tourism including world heritage sites in the country during the last three years are at Annexure.