

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
TOURISM  
LOK SABHA**

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REBUILDING OF TOURIST INFRASTRUCTURE  
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**Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:**

- (a) the details of tourism assets/infrastructure and routes connecting various tourist /pilgrimage destinations including in the State of Uttarakhand destroyed/damaged as a result of natural calamity in the recent past;
- (b) the status of rebuilding the said infrastructure/routes; and
- (c) the assistance/relief provided or being provided by the Government to the States including Uttarakhand for rebuilding/development/reconstruction of destroyed/damaged tourism assets/infrastructure and routes connecting various tourist/pilgrimage destinations in the country?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (SHRI SHRIPAD NAIK)

(a) to (c): The Development and promotion of tourism is primarily the responsibility of the respective State Government/ Union Territory (UT) Administration. However, the Ministry of Tourism (MOT) provides Central Financial Assistance (CFA) to various State Governments / Union Territory Administration for various tourism projects prioritized every year in consultation with them subject to availability of funds, inter-se priority and adherence to the scheme guidelines.

The PHD Chamber of Commerce of India (PHDCCI) undertook a study to assess the damage due to natural calamity that occurred in Uttarakhand in June 2013.

The study reveals an estimated loss to the economy of about Rs.12000 crore. Loss to Government tourism properties has been assessed at approximately Rs.116.00 crore. Due to lack of access to some of the affected areas the loss to all private tourism assets could not be fully assessed so far.

The Ministry of Tourism, Government of India has announced a special financial package of Rs.100.00 crores for rebuilding/building destroyed/damaged government tourism assets, out of which an amount of Rs.72.55 crore has been sanctioned with a release of Rs.10.58 crore.

In addition, the Ministry also sanctioned Central Financial Assistance of Rs.145.17 crore for various tourism infrastructure projects in the State of Uttarakhand in 2013-14.