

- Restructuring and strengthening the institutions for development of human resources.
- Evolving a suitable policy for increasing foreign tourist arrivals and foreign exchange earnings.

(c) Details of year-wise amount sanctioned as Central financial assistance to Uttar Pradesh for tourism projects during the last five years are as under:—

Year	Amount Sanctioned	(Rupees in lakhs)
		Amount released
1995-96	31.10	25.55
1996-97	273.02	116.85
1997-98	221.10	78.17
1998-99	869.85	350.14
1999-2000	755.45	176.11

Pending tourism proposals from Uttar Pradesh

†5465. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a number of proposals are pending with the Central Government for development of tourism sector in the State of Uttar Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, project-wise;
- (c) the details of steps being taken or proposed to be taken by Government in this regard; and
- (d) what new initiatives have been taken by Government to encourage tourism in Uttar Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTHKUMAR): (a) to (d) Development of tourism is primarily undertaken by the State Government. However, Ministry of Tourism provides Central financial assistance for tourism projects prioritised in consultation with State Governments every year.

Prioritised project proposals are sanctioned when they are received in complete shape in the prescribed format. The following tourism projects

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of Uttar Pradesh have been approved for Central financial assistance during 1999-2000 and first instalment is under release:—

S.No.	Name of Project	Amount sanctioned (Rs. in lakhs)
1.	Integrated Development of Allahabad- Development of Khoosrobagh, Macfursan Lake and Shivkuti	36.36
2.	Networking of Hospitality Unit and Office of U.P. Tourism	40.00
3.	Construction of 32 bedded TRH and its beauafk ation, Tapovan	69.77
4.	Construction of FRP Huts at Chiplakot and Pancheshwar	12.00
5.	Development of Tourist Village Kasardevi	25.00
6.	Signages in Kumaon Region	30.00
7.	Wayside amenities in Garhwal Region :	
	1. Naibag	07.92
	2. Kama Prayag	14.53
	3. Satputli	16.13
	4. Son Prayag	07.96

New initiatives to encourage tourism in the country include use of Information Technology, promotion of cultural, heritage and spiritual tourism, incentives for private investment in tourism industry etc.

Private sector participation in Tourism in Assam

5466. SHRI PRAKANTA WARISA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any specific scheme in tourism sector for Assam in private and public sector during the ninth plan;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) the total amount to be spent thereon; and

(e) the concrete steps being taken by Government in this regard?