

### **Proposals of State Government for Development of Tourism**

†2129. SHRI ANANTA SETHI: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry of Tourism has received project proposals from different State Governments of development of tourism in their respective States;

(b) if so, the States from which such project proposals have come during 1996-97, 1997-98 and 1998-99;

(c) the details of such proposals; and

(d) the action taken by the Central Government to develop those tourism projects?

\ THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (KUMARI UMA BHARTI): (a) to (d) The development of tourism is mainly undertaken by the State Governments. However, to supplement their efforts, Ministry of Tourism provides financial assistance to them for the projects/schemes prioritised every year in consultation with them.

During the last three years, 774 projects for development of tourism have been received in the Ministry of Tourism from all States in the country. These projects relate to construction/creation of tourist facilities namely; Wayside amenities, Tourist Bungalows, Tourist Reception Centre, Yatri Niwas, Refurbishment of monuments, Development of Pilgrim Centres, Sound and Light Show, Purchase of Adventure equipment etc. Sanctioned projects/ scheme are implemented by the respective State Governments.

### **Maintaining Cultural Value Through Tourism**

†2130. SHRI JHUMUKLAL BHENDIA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) wheither the cultural, social moral traditional and ecological values are getting eroded because of present nature of tourism and whether the overall objective of tourism has been confined to earn foreign exchange only; and

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(b) if so, the details of measures taken to prevent damage by tourism together with maintaining cultural values and earning foreign exchange; and the details of foreign exchange earned during 1997-98 and 1998-99?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (KUMARI UMA BHARTI): (a) and (b) No, Sir. Cultural, social, moral, traditional and ecological conservation are kept in mind while promoting tourism. Eco Tourism guidelines have been issued.

Details of Foreign Exchange earned are as follows:

Year	Estimated (Rs. in crores)
1997-98	10,879.6
1998-99	12,011.5 (Provisional)

#### **Harassment to Foreign Tourists**

2131. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the targeted yearly increase in tourism earning for the year 1999-2000;

(b) whether Government have any plan to make travel and stay comfortable for the tourists as a lot of tourists complain of hotels, travel agents, touts harassing them while in India;

(c) whether Government are encouraging only budget tourists to India; and

(d) if so, the percentage of the budget tourists and business tourists visiting the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (KUMARI UMA BHARTI): (a) Based on the Report of the Working Group on tourism for the 9th Plan, a growth rate of