

Government of Rajasthan has submitted proposals for construction of pilgrim sheds and public conveniences at Vishramsthali at Ajmer. The State Government has been asked to submit specific proposals for improvement/renovation of Brahma Ghat and Savitri Ghat at Puskar.

Development of Tourism in Karnataka

48. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Karnataka has been totally neglected in respect of tourism although it is rich in history, culture and splendour on the one hand and equally rich in scenic beauty including many other tourist attractions; and

(b) what is the total amount spent in different parts of the country during the Seventh Five Year Plan period, State-wise, on development of tourism highlighting the imbalances if any?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Central Department of Tourism does not allocate funds State-wise. However Central financial assistance is extended to State Governments on specific projects based on their merits, availability of funds and *interse* priorities. Total amount released for the Seventh Five Year Plan projects/schemes is Rs. 4800.23 lakhs. A statement indicating State-wise releases is given in the Statement.

Statement

Central financial assistance released by the Central Department of Tourism during the Seventh Five Year Plan Period to various States and Union Territories

Sl. No.	State	Released (Rs. in lakhs)
1	2	3
1	Andhra Pradesh	230.61
2	Arunachal Pradesh	28.00
3	Assam	64.58

1	2	3
4	Bihar	49.00
5	Goa	36.99
6	Gujarat	178.23
7	Haryana	364.04
8	Himachal Pradesh	126.56
9	Jammu & Kashmir	309.50
10	Karnataka	151.74
11	Kerala	749.80
12	Madhya Pradesh	185.30
13	Maharashtra	85.59
14	Manipur	61.25
15	Meghalaya	97.70
16	Mizoram	73.00
17	Nagaland	110.00
18	Orissa	137.92
19	Punjab	103.93
20	Rajasthan	145.92
21	Sikkim	90.21
22	Tamil Nadu	329.01
23	Tripura	77.43
24	Uttar Pradesh	448.20
25	West Bengal	287.69
TOTAL:		4524.10

UNION TERRITORIES

26	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	162.94
27	Delhi	3.50
28	Lakshadweep	71.86
29	Pondicherry	37.83
TOTAL:		276.13
GRAND TOTAL:		4800.23

International Air Cargo Flights from Bangalore

49. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the Mysore Sales International Limited, a Government of Karnataka enterprise, is handling Air Cargo complex in Bangalore, which is fully overbooked and is unable to tranship cargo due to inadequate availability of cargo flights;

(b) whether Air India operates any international Air cargo flights from Bangalore and if not, the reasons therefor; and