

During the 10th Five Year Plan period, projects worth Rs.8267.75 lakh and during 2007-08 an amount of Rs. 1279.24 lakh have been sanctioned for development of tourism in Maharashtra including Vidarbha region.

Identification of tourist places in Jharkhand

1683. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI : Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether places of tourist interest have been identified in Jharkhand;
- (b) if so, what are the places so identified;
- (c) how much Central fund has been allocated for the development of each such tourist sites; and
- (d) if no fund has been allocated, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) to (d) Development and promotion of tourism is undertaken primarily by the State Governments. The Ministry of Tourism, Government of India, extends financial assistance to the State Governments for tourism related projects which are identified in consultation with them under the scheme 'Product/Infrastructure Development for Destinations and Circuits'.

Ministry of Tourism sanctioned Rs.4478.55 lakh to the Government of Jharkhand as central financial assistance during 10th plan period for 17 projects. Some of the major projects sanctioned during the 10th plan are as under:-

- i) Integrated Development of Jharkhand circuit. – Rs.716.00 Lakh
- ii) Development of Tirthankar Boddhisatwa circuit – Rs.494.57 Lakh
- iii) Development of Massanjore (Dumka District) – Rs.493.25 Lakh
- iv) Integrated Development of Tourist circuit Ranchi-Netarhat-Betla-Ranchi. – Rs.798.00 Lakh.
- v) Integrated Development of Tourist circuit Ranchi-Rajrappa-Hazaribagh- Itkhor, – Rs.775.78 Lakh

In the year 2007-08, Rs.995.70 lakh was sanctioned for the following 3 projects in the State.

- i) Integrated Development of Dasham fall-Panchgag fall (Ranchi) as a tourist circuit – Rs.394.23 Lakh
- ii) Destination Development of Deoghar – Rs.335.26 Lakh
- iii) Destination Development of Hazaribagh – Rs.266.21 Lakh.

Maintenance of tourist places in Delhi

†1684. SHRI JAI PARKASH AGGARWAL : Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether with a view to promote tourism, especially in the capital of Delhi, the tourist places are being maintained very well;

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