

1. Product/Infrastructure Development of Destinations/Circuits
2. Assistance to Large Revenue Generating Projects
3. Information Technology
4. Fairs/Festival and Events

During the financial year 2008-09 Ministry of Tourism, Government of India has sanctioned Rs. 457.60 lakh for Sajnekhali Eco-Tourism complex-cum-destination project in south 24 Paragnas West Bengal, in Sunderban region.

Development of Kurukshetra as a tourist destination

†3609. DR. RAM PRAKASH : Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any project is under consideration with her Ministry for making the historical city Kurukshetra, Haryana as an attractive tourist destination;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (KUMARI SELJA) : (a) to (c) Development and promotion of tourism is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations. Ministry of Tourism has sanctioned a mega project Integrated Development of Panipat-Kurukshetra-Pinjore Circuit in Haryana in two phases. Phase I was sanctioned in 2006-07 at the total amount of Rs. 1630.03 lakhs out of which Rs. 833.88 lakhs was sanctioned for this mega project. In phase II of this project Rs. 1545.22 lakhs were sanctioned in 2008-09, out of which Rs. 650.31 lakh have been sanctioned for this mega project.

In addition, Ministry of Tourism has sanctioned an Institute of Hotel Management in the 10th Plan in Kurukshetra and has provided central financial assistance of Rs. 1139.02 lakh for the Institute till date.

Development of tourism spots in Haryana

†3610. DR. RAM PRAKASH : Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of projects implemented/being implemented by her Ministry to develop the tourism spots in Haryana during last five years and current year;
- (b) by when the projects currently underway are likely to be completed; and
- (c) the details of projects to be undertaken for the development of tourism in Haryana during current financial year?

THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (KUMARI SELJA) : (a) to (c) Ministry of Tourism has sanctioned 23 projects in Haryana amounting to Rs. 82.77 crore during the last five years and current year as per the enclosed Statement (See below). Implementation of the tourism projects is the responsibility of the State Government of Haryana. However, Ministry of Tourism monitors the implementation of the projects through review meetings with the State Government officials and site visits and the State Governments are impressed upon to complete these projects on time.

Statement

Details of the projects sanctioned in Haryana (Infrastructure, Rural Tourism and HRD Projects) with Central Financial Assistance during the last five years (2004-05 to 2008-09)

		(Rs. in lakh)
Sl.No.	Name of the Project	Amount Sanctioned
1	2	3
2004-05		
1.	Construction of Multipurpose Hall at Kingfisher Tourist Complex at Ambala	27.44
2.	Integrated Development of Surajkund as a Tourist Destination	81.37
3.	Preservation and Restoration of old monuments at Yadavindra Gardens, Pinjore (Distt. Panchkula)	403.69
4.	GOI-UNDP Engogenous project at village Jyotisar, district Kurukshetra	20.00
2005-06		
1.	Development of Karna Lake at Uchana (District Karnal)	159.00
2.	Development of Tilyar Tourist Complex at Rohtak	441.00
2006-07		
1.	Integrated Development of Panipat-Kurukshetra-Pinjore-Circuit as Major Project	1,630.03
2.	Development of Badkhal Lake tourist complex as tourist destination	181.13
2007-08		
1.	Dev. of Eco-Tourism in Morni-Pinjore Hills-Sultanpur National Park	329.00
2.	Dev. of Eco-Tourism at Kalesar in Haryana	319.00
3.	Dev. of Hodal Tourist complex in Haryana	365.02
4.	Dev. of Suraj Kund in Haryana	367.25
5.	Dev. of Dharuhera Tourist Complex	360.66
6.	Dev. of Morni Hills Tikkar Taal in Haryana	474.50
2008-09		
1.	Dev. of Panipat Kurukshetra-Pinjore Circuit Ph-II	1545.22
2.	Dev. of way side amenities at Rai, Sultanpur & Barbet Sohna as a Tourist Destination	374.06
3.	Dev. of Damdama at Saras as a Tourist Destination	290.24

1	2	3
4.	Dev. of Hisar as a Tourist Destination	240.97
5.	State Institute of Hotel Management, Rohtak	1000.00
6.	Programme of board basing of hospitality education in ITI, Karnal	200.00
7.	Programme of board basing of hospitality education in ITI, Rohtak	200.00
8.	Programme of broad basing of hospitality education in ITI, Toshan	200.00
2009-10		
1.	Programme of broad basing of hospitality education in Bhagat Phool Singh Mahila Vishwavidyalaya	200.00

Pilgrimage Centres in Orissa

3611. SHRIMATI RENUBALA PRADHAN : Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken any steps to tap the vast potential of pilgrimage centres available in Orissa;

(b) if so, the details thereof, location-wise/name-wise;

(c) the developmental measures proposed to be undertaken in each pilgrimage centre of the state; and

(d) the amount of funds allocated by the Central Government to the State and the funds utilized so far for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (KUMARI SELJA) : (a) to (d) Development and promotion of tourism is undertaken primarily by the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations. The Ministry of Tourism, Government of India, extends financial assistance to the State Governments/Union Territory Administration for tourism related infrastructure projects under the scheme of Product/Infrastructure Development of Destinations/Circuits which are identified in consultation and interaction with them and sanctioned, subject to availability of funds and *inter-se* priority.

During the first two years of the 11th plan *i.e.* 2007-08 & 2008-09 projects worth Rs. 6442.43 lakh have been sanctioned to the Government of Orissa for integrated development of Tourism including Pilgrimage Tourism in the State.

Incidents with foreign tourists

†3612. SHRI PRABHAT JHA :

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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the incidents of misbehaviour, plundering and other such incidents with foreign tourists are on the rise;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.