

Ministry of Tourism, Government of India, extends Central Financial Assistance under the scheme of Product Infrastructure Development for Destinations and Circuits for tourism projects based on the proposals received from them which are complete in all respects as per the Scheme Guidelines, *inter-se* priority and subject to availability of funds. The scheme includes refurbishment of monuments.

No project proposal has been sanctioned in the state of Bihar in the current financial year.

(b) and (c) No project proposal for development of Tourism in Buxar has been sanctioned by the Ministry of Tourism in the eleventh plan including current financial year under the Product Infrastructure Development for Destinations and Circuits Scheme.

Beautification of Beaches

669. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has any scheme for beautification of beaches in the country;
- (b) if so, the details of the scheme;
- (c) whether there is no such scheme in operation; and
- (d) whether Government considers preparing such a scheme?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (KUMARI SELJA): (a) to (d) Ministry of Tourism extends Central Financial Assistance (CFA) to the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations for development of tourism products including beautification of beaches under Product/Infrastructure Development for Destinations & Circuits Scheme of the Ministry, on the basis of proposals received from them, *inter-se* priority and subject to availability of funds.

The list of projects for development of tourism including the beautification of beaches sanctioned to the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations by the Ministry of Tourism in the last three years is given in the Statement.

Statement

Projects sanctioned by Ministry of Tourism in the last three years

(Rs. in Lakh)

Sl.No.	State/UT	2006-07		2007-08		2008-09	
		No. of Projects Sanctioned	Amount Sanctioned	No. of Projects Sanctioned	Amount Sanctioned	No. of Projects Sanctioned	Amount Sanctioned
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1	Andhra Pradesh	3	1540.56	9	2629.48	7	9980.58
2	Assam	9	2453.39	5	1271.90	4	2107.61

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
3	Arunachal Pradesh	12	1887.80	10	3330.12	13	3147.20
4	Bihar	2	1937.29	3	1194.75	9	1798.45
5	Chhattisgarh	16	3540.17	4	1274.09	1	1133.82
6	Goa	0	0.00	0	0.00	2	4314.91
7	Gujarat	7	443.65	5	576.58	7	2133.66
8	Haryana	5	1836.16	11	2260.27	7	2495.49
9	Himachal Pradesh	8	1871.00	12	2286.22	9	2977.66
10	J & K	29	5233.82	36	6851.15	25	3827.57
11	Jharkhand	3	956.35	7	1130.47	0	0.00
12	Karnataka	4	1323.89	5	2004.71	4	4273.21
13	Kerala	18	4474.02	10	3124.31	12	4269.52
14	Madhya Pradesh	10	3668.47	16	3952.66	11	3141.11
15	Maharashtra	13	2839.05	5	1279.44	3	4110.05
16	Manipur	9	939.35	5	1110.77	9	2943.84
17	Meghalaya	9	1435.29	2	674.40	6	1238.54
18	Mizoram	9	2613.38	5	1692.94	4	318.38
19	Nagaland	8	2340.32	21	2241.35	11	2544.66
20	Orissa	13	2826.84	12	2376.30	6	4115.38
21	Punjab	13	3223.37	1	397.89	3	1968.10
22	Rajasthan	8	953.84	2	1554.46	8	4189.56
23	Sikkim	13	2609.42	27	6036.48	23	7076.38
24	Tamil Nadu	11	1866.41	13	2831.80	15	3595.72
25	Tripura	4	291.27	11	1110.76	6	360.94
26	Uttarakhand	16	1907.50	5	2081.04	3	4468.72
27	Uttar Pradesh	7	3329.06	7	2833.03	6	3839.64
28	West Bengal	10	2978.32	12	3243.17	9	3319.33
29	Andaman & Nicobar	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
30	Chandigarh	2	15.00	2	20.00	5	799.11

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
31	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	0	0.00	0	0.00	3	24.88
32	Delhi	5	2400.09	7	749.08	1	15.00
33	Daman & Diu	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	12.50
34	Lakshadweep	1	7.00	1	782.73	0	0.00
35	Puduchery	1	500.00	6	1610.88	4	252.80
TOTAL		278	64242.08	277	64513.23	237	90794.32

Effect of Recession on Tourism

670. SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY:

SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether world-wide recession has affected the flow of tourists in the country;
- (b) if so, the details of tourist flow affected since the time the world recession started, till date;
- (c) the steps, if any, taken by Government to minimise the impact;
- (d) the steps taken to restore tourist inflow and policy initiatives thereon;
- (e) whether any assessment has been made regarding the tourism industry for the coming year; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI SULTAN AHMED): (a) and (b) The number of Foreign Tourist Arrivals (FTAs) in India during 2007, 2008 and January-June 2009, and the growth rates over the corresponding period of previous years, are given below:-

Period	FTAs (in Million)	Growth over previous year
2007	5.08	14.3%
2008*	5.37	5.6%
2009*	2.47	-9.3%

(January-June)

* Provisional

While the number of FTAs during 2008 increased as compared to 2007, during the period January-June, 2009 there has been a decline of 9.3%. However, a positive growth rate of 0.2% in FTAs was observed in June, 2009 over June, 2008.

The decline in FTAs may be due to various reasons including the global financial slowdown.