

Grants for tourism development

†2215. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government provides grants to State Governments for raising the quality of tourism development;

(b) if so, the central financial support provided to Madhya Pradesh so far alongwith the places for which the same has been provided; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (KUMARI SELJA): (a) to (c) Development and promotion of tourism is primarily the responsibility of State Governments/Union Territory Administrations. However, Ministry of Tourism, Government of India extends Central Financial Assistance for tourism projects based on the proposals received from them complete in all respects as per the scheme guidelines subject to *inter-se* priority and availability of funds.

The details of the funds sanctioned for tourism infrastructure projects in Madhya Pradesh during 2007-08, 2008-09 and 2009-10 are as under:—

(Rs. in lakh)

Sl. No	Name of the Project	Amount Sanctioned
1	2	3
2007-08		
1.	Destination development of Salkanpur	426.55
2.	Destination development of Sanchi	463.50
3.	Destination development of Shivpuri	297.08
4.	Destination development of Ujjain	473.34
5.	Destination development of Orchha	106.09
6.	Conservation and Restoration of Kilakothi	47.17
7.	Development of tourism circuit, Chitrakoot, Dev Talab, Deo-kothar	782.13
8.	Development of Bhubela Distt. Chattarpur	454.54
9.	Destination development of Tamia	335.68
10.	Village Dev Pur, Distt. Vidisha (Rural Tourism Project)	40.34
11.	Village Siondha Distt. Datia (Rural Tourism Project) 2008-09	50.00

1	2	3
2008-09		
1.	Development of Burmanghat Narsinghpur	180.67
2.	Destination development of Datia M.P.	475.92
3.	Integrated development of Narsinghgarh Distt Rajgarh	447.78
4.	Development of Nalkheda as a tourist destination	429.20
5.	Development of Dewas as a tourist destination	441.89
6.	Development of Kundeswar Distt Tikamgarh	374.66
7.	Integrated development of Hoshangabad as a destination	284.59
8.	Dest. development of Mandu Ph II as a tourist destination in M.P.	426.84
9.	Destination development of Jata Shankar Dham	361.72
10.	Village Budhni, Distt. Sehore (Rural Tourism Project)	50.00
2009-10		
1.	Destination development of Vidisha	489.00
2.	Development of Maheshwar (Phase-II) as a tourist destination	390.81

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‡2216. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of foreign tourists in India has declined, if so, the details of the inflow of foreign tourists from June, 2006 to 2009;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor alongwith the measures taken in this regard; and

(c) whether Government has launched Visit India, 2009, the nature of the scheme indicating the places benefited by the scheme alongwith the time when the same was launched?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (KUMARI SELJA): (a) and (b) The number of Foreign Tourist Arrivals (FTAs) in India during 2006, 2007, 2008 and January-June, 2009 and the growth rates over the corresponding period of previous year are given below:—

Period	FTAs (in Million)	Growth over previous year
1	2	3
2006	4.45	13.5%
2007	5.08	14.3%

‡Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.