

Reviewing of tourism projects

848. SHRI MANOHAR JOSHI: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government have reviewed the on-going projects and tourism policy;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the growth perception of tourism industry for the next five years; and

(d) the details of investments being made in on-going and new projects including private sector and FDI projects, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI SULTAN AHMED): (a) and (b) Implementation and monitoring of projects is the responsibility of the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations. The Ministry of Tourism however, also monitors the implementation of projects through review meetings and site visits from time to time.

(c) The United Nations World Tourism Organisation has projected a growth rate of 3 to 4% for the calendar year 2010.

(d) A provision of Rs. 510.00 crore has been made in the Revised Estimates 2009-10 in the scheme of Product/Infrastructure Development for Destinations and Circuits for providing financial assistance to States/Union Territories. Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) inflows in hotel and tourism industry of the country during the period from April 2000 to August 2009 are estimated as US \$ 1614.61 million.

Tourism project in Uttar Pradesh

849. SHRI PARVEZ HASHMI: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has received complaints of irregularities in the project of tourism from Uttar Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the action taken thereon; and
- (c) number of new tourism projects sanctioned for Uttar Pradesh and amount allocated for these projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI SULTAN AHMED): (a) and (b) Ministry of Tourism provides financial assistance to the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations for augmentation of tourism infrastructure. Implementation and monitoring of Tourism projects is the responsibility of the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations. However, Ministry of Tourism also monitors the progress of implementation through site visits, review meetings and regional conferences with the officers of the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations.

(c) In the 11th Plan 16 Projects worth Rs.88.91 crore including infrastructure projects, fairs & festivals and HRD projects have been sanctioned to the State Government of Uttar Pradesh.

Monitoring of tourism projects

850. SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether in view of concerned over the lack of spending by States, Government has decided to tighten norms and cut off funding for various tourism projects;

(b) if so, the facts and details thereof;

(c) whether Government has also decided to closely monitor the State's expenditure and ensure compliance of various mechanisms for the growth of tourism; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI SULTAN AHMED): (a) to (d) The Ministry of Tourism provides financial assistance to States/Union Territories for tourism projects on the basis of proposals received from them subject to availability of funds and inter-se priority. Implementation and monitoring of projects is the responsibility of the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations.

The Ministry of Tourism, however, also monitors the implementation of projects through review meetings and site visits from time to time. This issue is also discussed in the Regional Conferences of Tourism Ministers so that State Governments/Union Territory Administrations accord due priority to implementation of projects.

Tourism in Tamil Nadu

851. SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) number of tourism projects identified by the State Government of Tamil Nadu and submitted for approval of Government during the last five years, year-wise;

(b) number of projects approved and funds sanctioned for each projects during the said period, year-wise; and

(c) reasons for rejection of proposals and number of proposals resubmitted by the State Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI SULTAN AHMED): (a) to (c) Development and promotion of tourism is primarily undertaken by the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations themselves. However, Ministry of Tourism provides Central Financial Assistance (CFA) for tourism projects, identified in consultation and interaction with them.