

(b) As of now, there are no plans in this direction.

(c) Chandrayaan-II is planned for launch during 2013.

Tourism sector in Jharkhand

2237. DR. K. MALAISAMY: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Jharkhand has been accorded the tourism sector enabling to enjoy fiscal incentives; and

(b) if so, the number of States in India that have been accorded with similar incentives to develop tourism?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (KUMARI SELJA) : (a) Development and promotion of tourism is primarily undertaken by the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations. State Governments formulate their own policies for promotion of tourism and try to attract investment in the areas with tourist potential to generate employment opportunities through combined efforts of governmental agencies and private sector.

(b) Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion, Ministry of Commerce, provides a package of fiscal incentives and other concession for the North Eastern States under the North East Industrial and Investment Promotion Policy 2007.

Eco-Tourism project in North Eastern region

2238. SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the implementation status of the Eco-Tourism project in the North Eastern region including Assam;

(b) the details of proposal received and approved for the development of 'Majuli' Island under the Product, Infrastructure and Destination Development Scheme during last two years and total amount released, year-wise; and

(c) the programme finalized by the Ministry for conservation of the cultural heritage of the Island?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (KUMARI SELJA) : (a) to (c) Development promotion and monitoring of tourism is undertaken primarily by the State Governments/Union Territory Administration. The Ministry of Tourism, Government of India, extends financial assistance to the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations for tourism related projects which are identified in consultation with them under various tourism schemes of the Ministry.

However, Ministry of Tourism sends special team to inspect the projects given under Central Financial Assistance and the progress is reviewed by the Ministry.

No proposal for the development of Majuli Island was sanctioned during the last two years. However, Ministry of Tourism had sanctioned a project-Development of Heritage and