

**Centrally sponsored scheme in Bihar**

2826. SHRI RAM KRIPAL YADAV: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the amount which has been allocated under Centrally sponsored schemes by the Ministry to the State Government of Bihar during financial year 2004-10, scheme-wise and year-wise;

(b) the amount released against above allocation during above period, scheme-wise and year-wise;

(c) the amount already spent by the Bihar Government against above allocation and released;

(d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI SULTAN AHMED): (a) to (d) The development and promotion of tourism projects is primarily undertaken by the State Governments/ Union Territory Administrations. However, Ministry of Tourism provides Central Financial Assistance for projects which are complete as per guidelines under various schemes. The financial assistance sanctioned and released during the period 2004-10 for the schemes Product/Infrastructure Development of Destinations/ Circuits (PIDDC), Fairs & Festivals, Information Technology and Rural Tourism projects is as under:

(Rs./lakh)

Sl. No.	Year	Amount Sanctioned	Amount Released
1	2004-05	1531.43	1235.71
2	2005-06	1212.23	969.98
3	2006-07	1937.29	974.59
4	2007-08	1194.75	1037.58
5	2008-09	2030.18	1724.15
6	2009-10	698.67	245.81
TOTAL :		8604.55	6187.82

Scheme-wise details:

(Rs./lakh)			
Sl. No.	Scheme	Amount Sanctioned	Amount Released
1	Product/ Infrastructure Development of Destinations/ Circuits	8568.69	6153.45
2	Fairs/Festivals	0.99	0.99
3	Information Technology	14.87	13.38
4	Rural Tourism	20.00	20.00
TOTAL :		8604.55	6187.82

Implementation and monitoring of the tourism projects is primarily the responsibility of the States 'Governments/ Union Territory Administrations. However, Ministry of Tourism also monitors the tourism projects through regional conferences, review meetings monitoring committees, site visits etc.

#### **Sindhu Darshan festival in Ladakh**

2827. SHRI TRUN VIJAY: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state the reason for change of the name of Sindhu Darshan Festival in Ladakh and the status of construction of Sindhu Cultural Centre at Leh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI SULTAN AHMED): The State Government of Jammu and Kashmir has informed that the name of the Sindhu Darshan Festival has been changed to 'Leh Singhe-Khababs Festival (Sindhu-Darshan)' based on the recommendation of Ladakh Hill Development Council (LHDC) Leh and the festival is being held every year in the month of June One project for 'Development of Leh as a Spiritual Destination' has been prioritized as a mega project for 2010-11.

#### **Facilities to domestic tourists**

2828. SHRI MOINUL HASSAN: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state: