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(c) and (d) The Ministry of Tourism in close coordination with the State Governments identifies projects for central financial assistance under the following schemes:—

1. Integrated Development of Tourist Circuits.
2. Product/Infrastructure and Destination Development
3. Assistance to large Revenue Generating Projects.

Spiritual tourism

125. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what is the status of health tourism and action plan to boost spiritual tourism;

(b) whether Government have drawn up a vision document for transforming India into a health destination; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI RENUKACHOWDHURY): (a) to (c) India is famous for its traditional and natural medicine and is known to promote Ayurveda, Yoga, Panchkarma Rejuvenation, etc. The Ministry of Tourism, Government of India has published a brochure and CD ROM titled "Body, Mind and Soul" giving information on ancient and proven healing techniques which are distributed by Indiatourism Offices in India and abroad.

Ministry of Health and Family Welfare along with Ministry of Tourism have set up a Task Force with a view to promoting India as a Health Destination for persons across the world so as to gainfully utilize the health care expertise and infrastructure available in the country, in addition, it has also been decided to have separate Sub-Committees on Accreditation, Price Banding, Insurance and HRD.