

(d) if so, details of the financial allocations made or assurances given?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI SULTAN AHMED): (a) to (d) The Ministry of Tourism has given no assurance to the State Government of Gujarat to improve/upgrade its tourism infrastructure.

Development, promotion, implementation and monitoring of tourism projects including sea beaches is primarily undertaken by the State Governments/Union Territory (UT) Administrations. However, the Ministry of Tourism provides Central Financial Assistance (CFA) for tourism projects, identified in consultation with them, subject to availability of funds and *inter-se* priority under various schemes of the Ministry.

Tourism potential in Rajasthan

†1816. SHRI ASHK ALI TAK: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a huge potential for development of tourism in the State of Rajasthan; if so, the regions having the potential for development of tourism;

(b) the amount given to State Government by Central Government for development of tourism during the last five years, work-wise; and

(c) whether the amount given to State Government by Central Government has been utilized on time; if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI SULTAN AHMED): (a) to (c) Development, promotion and monitoring of tourism is primarily undertaken by the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations. However, the Ministry of Tourism, Government of India, provides Central Financial Assistance to the project proposals identified in consultation with them under various schemes of the Ministry. The project proposals submitted by the State Governments/UT Administrations are appraised as per respective scheme guidelines and those projects which are complete in all respects are sanctioned subject to *inter-se* priority and availability of funds. Amount sanctioned to the State Government of Rajasthan during the last five years for development of infrastructure, IT, Fair and Festivals/Events and Rural Tourism is as under:

Year	No. of projects	Amount Sanctioned (Rs. in crore)
1	2	3
2005-06	07	25.92
2006-07	07	6.77

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

1	2	3
2007-08	02	15.54
2008-09	09	44.31
2009-10	07	19.74

The State Level Monitoring Committees constituted by different States/Union Territories monitor timely implementation of the tourism projects. Ministry of Tourism also monitors implementation of the tourism projects through site visits and review meetings/regional conferences.

Pending proposals of Karnataka

1817. DR. VIJAY MALLYA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) the proposals received from the State Government of Karnataka;
- (b) the financial grants requested for such proposals; and
- (c) the status of the proposals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI SULTAN AHMED): (a) to (c) Development, promotion and implementation of tourism projects is primarily undertaken by the State Governments/Union Territory (UT) Administrations. However, the Ministry of Tourism provides Central Financial Assistance (CFA) for tourism projects, identified in consultation with them, subject to availability of funds and *inter-se* priority under various schemes of the Ministry.

Ministry of Tourism has sanctioned 23 projects on the basis of proposals received, complete in all respects, from the State Government of Karnataka for Rs. 109.94 crore during the Eleventh Plan (upto 30th September, 2010).

Official Brochure of Andaman and Nicobar

1818. SHRI ANIL MADHAV DAVE: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the name of the noted freedom fighter Vinayak Damodar Savarkar, who was imprisoned for almost a decade at the Cellular Jail at Andaman and Nicobar Islands finds a mention in the official brochures about A&N published by the Ministry;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI SULTAN AHMED): (a) to (c) The brochures and other publicity material produced by the Ministry of Tourism generally contain information on various tourism destinations as well as information to facilitate the visit of