

(c) and (d) The Ministry of Tourism has 5 Regional offices in India:

- (i) Indiatourism, Delhi (For Northern India) 88, Janpath, New Delhi-110001.
- (ii) Indiatourism, Mumbai (For Western and Central India) 123, Maharshi Karve Road, Churchgate, Mumbai-400020, Maharashtra.
- (iii) Indiatourism, Chennai (For Southern India) 154, Anna Salai, Chennai-600002, Tamil Nadu.
- (iv) Indiatourism, Kolkata (For Eastern India) 'Embassy', 4 Shakespeare Sarani, Kolkata-70 071, West Bengal.
- (v) Indiatourism, Guwahati (For North-Eastern India) Assom Paryatan Bhawan, A.K. Azar Road, Paltan Bajar, Guwahati-781008, Assam.

Durga hat-koti temple on national tourism map

280. SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government will include Durga Hat-koti Temple in National tourism map as this temple is ancient and famous in Shimla District of Himachal Pradesh;
- (b) whether Government will renovate this temple on the pattern of Mata Vaishno Devi Temple; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI SULTAN AHMED): (a) to (c) Development and promotion of various tourism destinations and products is primarily the responsibility of respective State Government/Union Territory Administration. However, the Ministry of Tourism provides Central Financial Assistance to States/Union Territories for the projects for development and promotion of tourism prioritised in consultation with them, subject to availability of funds, inter-sepriority and adherence to scheme guidelines. In the year 2006-07, the Ministry of Tourism has sanctioned Rs. 30.00 Lakh for development of Hat-koti under the project 'Integrated Development of Rohru and Chanshal as a Tourist Destination'.

Tourism circuits in Jharkhand

281. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Ministry is planning to develop tourism circuits in the country;

- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of the tourism circuits identified for development;
- (d) whether any such circuits have been identified in the State of Jharkhand for development; and
- (e) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI SULTAN AHMED): (a) to (e) The Ministry of Tourism has appointed a National Level Consultant (NLC) to identify Tourism Circuits in each State (except North Eastern States) and Union Territory (UT) for integrated development in association with the States/UTs, during the 12th Plan period.

The list of Tourism Circuits identified by NLC for each State and UT (except North Eastern States), including Jharkhand, is given in the Statement - I (*See below*)

For identification/ development of Tourism Circuits in the North-East Region (NER) a study has been conducted by Tata Consultancy Services commissioned by North Eastern Council, Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region.

The list of tentatively identified Tourism Circuits for the States in the NER is given in the Statement-II

Statement - I

List of Tourism Circuits identified for each State and UT (except North Eastern States)

Sl. No.	State/Union Territory	Identified Tourism Circuits
1	2	3
1.	Andaman and Nicobar Island	South Andaman District: Port Blair-Neil-Havelock-Little Andaman circuit South Andaman, Middle and North Andaman District: Port Blair-Rangat-Mayabunder-Diglipur circuit
2.	Andhra Pradesh	Vishakhapatnam-Vizianagaram-Srikakulam Hyderabad-Nalgona-Warangal Chitoor-Anantpur-Kadapa (Tirupati) East Goadavari-West Godavari-Krishna-Khammam

1	2	3
3. Bihar		Buddhist Circuit: Bodh Gaya-Nalanda-Rajgir-Patna- Vaishali, Ramayan Circuit: Vaishali-Sitakund-Ahilya Sthan-Sitamarhi-Ahirauli-Valmiki Nagar Sufi Circuit: Maner sharif-Dargah Sharif-Bihar sharif-Hajipur Phulwari Sharif , Jain Circuit: Vaishali-Rajgir-Pawapuri-Parasnath-Nawada
4. Chandigarh		Destination Development in Chandigarh : Capitol complex- Rock Garden - Sukhana Lake and Wildlife Sanctuary - Kalagram - Ramgarh fort- Nehru Centre for performing Arts- Sardar Beant Singh Memorial - Ropar Wetlands (Kikar Lodge)
5. Chhattisgarh		Raipur - Sirpur Sheori Narayan-Bilaspur Raigarh-Jashpur-Ambikapur-Chirmiri-Guru Ghasidas National Park, Raipur-
Dhamtari		Kanker-Baloda-Rajnandgaon-Durg-Raipur Jagdalpur - Chitrakote - Kondagaon Kutumsar caves-Kanger Ghati NP-Kailash Gufa-Tirathgarh Falls
6. Dadra - Nagar Haveli and Daman		Silvassa-Khanvel-Dudhani-Daman
7. Delhi		Heritage circuit connecting the major monuments of Delhi, Religious circuits connecting the major religious centres in Delhi
8. Diu		Destination development in Diu
9. Goa		Destinations across Goa
10. Gujarat		Dakor-Phagvel-Utkantheswar-Balasinor-Pavagadh, Gir-Somnath-Dwarka Ahmedpur Mandvi, Becharaji - Patan - Siddhpur Ahmedabad, Bhavnagar-Rajkot-Junagadh

1	2	3
11. Haryana	Kalka - Panchkula - Narayangarh - Yamunanagar - Pehowa -Thanesar-Kurukshetra-Pinjore, Rohtak-Meham,Hansi -Hissar-Dabwali, Surajkund-Damdama-Lake - Faridabad (Badhkal Lake) - Palwal Mahendragarh -Madhogarh-Narnaul -exit towards Shekhawati	
12. Himachal pradesh	Beas Circuit: Swarghat - Bilaspur -Mandi-Kullu - Manikaram - Manali - Naggar Rohtang-Satluj/Shimla Circuit: Kalka-Solan - Shimla- Chail-Kufri - Naldehra Dhauladhar/ Dharamsala Circuit: Chandigarh Rupnagar - Mubarakpur Chintpurni - Jwalaji - Dharamsala Chamba	
13. Jammu and Kashmir	Srinagar-Sonmarg-Wular-Manasbal-Lolab Bungus - Gurez - Tangmarg - Gulmarg Doodhpathri, Jammu Circuit: Jammu Katra- Patnitop - Lakhanpur - Basholi Surinsar - Mansar-Shivkhori Sudhmahade, Yousmarg - Aharbal - Pahalgam - Verinag -Kokernag - Kishtwar-Bhadarwa, Leh circuit: Leh- Nyoma - Tangste - Basgo Hunder (Nubra)- Turtuk - (Nubra) - Mangue-Temisgang-Khaltsi	
14. Jharkhand	Hazaribagh-Ranchi-Jamshedpur, Dhanbad-Parasnath - Rajgir - Pawapuri, Deoghat Giridih- Parasnath, Ranchi-Betla-Netarhat	
15. Karnataka	Coastal Karnataka: Mangalore-Bappanad (Mulki)-Kaup-Manipal-Malpe-St. Mary's Island - Mattu - Barkur - Gangoli-Rajadi-Maravanthe/ Trasi -Murudeshwar-Netrani Island-Kumta-Yana-Gokarna-Apsarakonda	

1	2	3
		<p>Dandeli - Kali Nadi - Karwar, South Karnataka: Bangalore Nandi Hills Bannerghatta - Anekal - Bidadi - Ramanagaram - Channapatana- Kokkare Bellur Pelicanry - Bheemeshwari - Mekedatu Shivanasamudram Falls Talakad - Somnathpur - Melkote Srirangapatana-Ranganathittu Bird Sanctuary-Mysore Nanjangud B.R. Hills- Bandipur- Kabini Nagarhole-TalacauveryBhagamandala Madikeri - Dubare - Bylakupee - North Karnataka: Bangalore / Hubli</p>
-		<p>Hampi Badami- Pattadakal-Aihole-Bijapur - Bidar Gulbarga -Religious circuit including Hindu, Buddhist and Jain circuit</p>
16. Kerala		<p>Northern-regional circuit:Kozhikode Malappuram-Nilambur-Wayanad Kannur-Bekal - Kozhikode, Central Regional Circuits: Kochi - Kumarakom - Vagamon Thekkady- Munnar - kalady - Thrissur Guruvayoor- Palakkad - Kochi (or Kozhikode), Southern regional circuit: Thiruvananthapuram- Kovalam-Ponmudi Thenmal -Varkala - Kollam- Pathanamittha - Alappuzha-Kochi</p>
17. Lakshadweep		<p>Destination development across following islands: Minicoy, Kavaratti, Agatti, Bangaram, Kadmath, Kalpeni</p>
18. Madhya Pradesh		<p>Gwalior - Shivpuri - orchha - Jhansi Khajuraho, Jabalpur - Bandhavgarh Amarkantak - Bilaspur, Bhopal -Sanchi Bhojpur-Itarsi - Bhimbetka - Satpura - Pachmarchi, Ujjain-Indore-Omakreshwar - Maheshwar - Mandu</p>

1	2	3
19. Maharashtra	Beaches and Forts of Goa to Mumbai-Vidarbha - Eco Tourism Circuit Aurangabad - Buddhist Heritage Circuit Sahyadri Mountain Range Circuit	
20. Odisha	Bhubaneswar - Konark-Puri-Chilka Lake-Gopalpur - on - sea, Dhauligiri-Ratnagiri-Lalitgiri - Udaygiri - Langudi-Maniabandh Chandipur - Talsari -Similipal-Bhitarkanika-Panchlingeshwar - Nilgiri, Kuldiah-Koraput Jeypore-Rayagada-Navrangpur-Malkangiri-Gupteshwar - Daringibadi - Chandragiri - Taptapani	
21. Puducherry	Tourist places in Puducherry, Tourist places between Puducherry and Karaikal Cuddalore - Pitchavaram - Chidambaram - Sirkazhi -Thirukadiyur-Poombakar-nquebar-Karaikal)	
22. Punjab	Punj Takhts (Akal Takht in Amritsar, Sri Keshgarh Sahib in Anandpur and Sri Damdama Sahib at Talwandi Sabo), Eco-tourism circuit: Chandigarh-Ropar Hoshiarpur -Talwara-Ranjit Sagar Dam route, Heritage Circuit: Nabha-Patiala Sangrur-Bathinda-Faridkot-Kapurthala Freedom Trail: Patiala-Malerkotla-Ludhiana - Faridkot - Ferozpur - Amritsar	
23. Rajasthan	Jodhpur - Jaisalmer -Bikaner, Jaipur-Ajmer-Pushkar, Chittorgarh - Udaipur - Mt. Abu (Sirohi), Udaipur -Ranakpur- Kumbalgarh-Nathdwara	
24. Tamil Nadu	Tiruchirappalli - Tanjavur - Kumbakonam - Mayilduthurai Vaitheswarankoil - Sirkhazi-Chidambaram - Virudachalam - Tholudur, Chennai - Tiruchirappalli (Chennai,	

1	2	3
	Kanchipuram, Thiruvamanmalai, Vellore, Dharmapuri, Salem, Namakkal-Tiruchirappalli) Tiruchirappalli-Pudukkottai-Shivganga - Rameshwaram -Tuticorin - Tiruchendur - Tirunveli - Kanyakumari Madurai Dindigul-Coimbatore-Ooty.	
25. Uttar Pradesh	Braj (Mathura - Vrindavan - Goverdhan - Barsana - Gokul) - Agra, Buddhist Circuit (Kapilvastu, Sarnath, Varanasi, Sravasti, Sankisa, Kaushambi, Kushinagar), Awadh-Ayodhya Circuit: Lucknow, Nawabganj Bird Sanctuary, Barabanki (Dewa Sharif), Ayodhya, Allahabad - Varanasi Circuit; Allahabad, Vindhayachal, Varanasi, Chunar, Sarnath	
26. Uttarakhand	Dehradun - Mussoorie - Kempty -Yamuna Bridge - Chakrata - Kalsi - Dakpathar - Corbett - Nainital, Adi Badri - Simli Karnprayag- Chamoli - Pipalkoti - Urgam - Vridha Badri- Joshimath - Bhavishya Badri Tapovan -Malari- Niti Village, Nanakmatta-Tanakpur-Purnagiri- Champawat -Lohaghat- Abbot Mount - Pithoragarh - Jaul Jibi - Madkot - Munsiyari - Shayama - Kamkot - Begeshwar - Takul - Almora leading to Vanasur	
27. West Bengal	Digha - Shankarpur - Mandarmani, Ganga sagar - Birbhum (Tarapith, Bakreshwar, Nalhati, Fullura, Sainthia, Kankalitala)- Tarakeshwar- Furfura Sharif Dooars and Darjeeling Circuit Sundarban Circuit: Gadkhali, Jharkhali, Kaikhali, Frazer Island.	

Statement - II*List of Tentatively identified Tourism Circuits for the North Eastern Region*

Sl. No.	State	Tentatively identified Tourism Circuit
1.	Arunachal Pradesh	Guwahati-Bomdilla-Tawang-Tezpur/Guwahati
2.	Assam	Dibrugarh-Sibasagar-Jorhat-Majuli-Kaziranga-Guwahati
3.	Manipur	Silchar-Imphal-Loktak-Imphal-Moreh-Imphal
4.	Nagaland	Dimapur-Kohima-Wokha-Mokukchung-Mom-Jorhat
5.	Meghalaya	Guwahati-Tura-Balpakram-Tura-Manas-Guwahati
6.	Mizoram	Silchar-Aizawl and surroundings (including Reiek)- Champhai-zohkawthar-Aizawl.
7.	Sikkim	Gangtok(Buddhist Cultural interpretation Center)
8.	Tripura	Agartala-Udaipur-Agartala-Jampui hills-Aizawl

Development of tourism circuits in India

282. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Ministry has been initiating for the development of tourism circuits in India;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the action plan envisaged by the Ministry to attract more foreign and domestic tourists;
- (d) the details of the locations identified for upgrading in each State; and
- (e) the details of suggestions sought from the respective State Governments in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI SULTAN AHMED): (a) and (b) The Ministry of Tourism has appointed a National Level