

Funds for development of infrastructure in Belgaum, Karnataka

1510. DR. PRABHAKAR KORE: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that Belagavi (Belgaum) district in Karnataka is one of the most attractive tourist destinations in the country;

(b) if so, whether Government is also aware that there is need to promote the same by providing adequate funds to develop infrastructure;

(c) if so, whether the Centre is taking any steps in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (DR. K. CHIRANJEEVI): (a) to (e) Development and promotion of various tourism destinations and products, is primarily the responsibility of the respective State Government/Union Territory (UT) Administration. However, the Ministry of Tourism provides Central Financial Assistance (CFA) for tourism projects identified in consultation with them, subject to availability of funds, inter-se-priority and adherence to the Scheme Guidelines.

Keeping the tourism potential of Belagavi (Belgaum) district in view, the Ministry of Tourism has sanctioned a project 'Eco-Tourism Resort in Khanapur Forest area' at a cost of Rs. 4.40 crore and released a sum of Rs. 3.52 crore as first installment during the year 2010-11 to the State Government of Karnataka.

Setting up of budget hotels in the country

1511. SHRIMATI VASANTHI STANLEY: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry explore the possibilities of setting up of budget hotels for common tourists in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (DR. K. CHIRANJEEVI): (a) and (b) The development and construction of hotels is primarily

a private sector activity. However, the Ministry of Tourism under the scheme of 'Product/Infrastructure Development for Destinations and Circuits' provides Central Financial Assistance (CFA) for construction of budget accommodation in Jammu and Kashmir and North Eastern States, and Eco-tourism projects where private sector investment is not forthcoming.

- (c) Does not arise.

Funds for clean India project

1512. SHRI N. BALAGANGA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Ministry has sanctioned any money for Clean India Project;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, including the money sanctioned/spent on this project during the last two years and this year;
- (c) the details of Clean India Project including its objectives, mission, etc;
- (d) whether Architectural Monuments in Tamil Nadu are covered in this project; and
- (e) if so, the details of money sanctioned for the project including in Tamil Nadu, for the current year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (DR. K. CHIRANJEEVI): (a) Under Campaign Clean India, no funds have been allocated by the Government.

- (b) Does not arise.

(c) Ministry of Tourism has launched a Campaign Clean India to sensitize all sections of society on the importance of cleanliness and hygiene in public places particularly monuments and tourist destinations. The campaign is a blend of persuasion, education, training, demonstration and sensitization of all sections of our society. The objective is to ensure an acceptable level of cleanliness and hygiene practices at tourist destinations which would be sustained through ownership and involvement of private and public sector stakeholders as part of their Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR).

(d) The Ministry has identified about 120 monuments/destinations under this Campaign, including the following monuments in Tamil Nadu: