

and Medium Enterprises (MSME) sector by way of higher allocation of funds, enhancing investment in the infrastructure sector and also focusing on Public Private Partnerships, introduction of a new National Manufacturing Policy, etc. The steps recently outlined include reduction in the subsidy on diesel, announcement of disinvestment in certain PSUs, measures to strengthen the investment climate (liberalization of FDI in multi-brand retail, aviation, broadcasting) and are expected to revive market confidence and restore growth momentum.

(c) According to the International Monetary Fund, India's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) at constant market prices is estimated to grow at 4.9 per cent in 2012. Various agencies like the IMF, World Bank, Asian Development Bank, research organizations within the country and outside as well as credit rating agencies bring out forecasts regarding the growth rate of the economy. These forecasts, based on specific and often different assumptions, differ from one another and do not represent the views of the Government of India. However, the Government takes into cognizance the concerns expressed by all stakeholders regarding the pace of the country's economic growth, and takes appropriate action.

Promotion of indigenous eco-tourism in tribal regions of the country

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

(a) the steps Ministry has taken to promote indigenous eco-tourism in the tribal regions of the country;

(b) the eco-tourism projects that have been undertaken so far to encourage communities in protecting bio-diversity;

(c) the number of poor people who have benefited so far from such projects; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (DR. K. CHIRANJEEVI): (a) and (b) The Development and Promotion of Tourism including indigenous eco-tourism in the tribal regions of the country is primarily the responsibility of State Governments/Union Territory (U.T.) Administrations concerned. However, Ministry of Tourism, grants central financial assistance to projects, including projects promoting indigenous eco-tourism, to the States/Union Territories in consultation with them, subject to availability of funds, utilization of funds sanctioned earlier, *inter-se* priority, and adherence to Scheme Guidelines.

The details of tourism projects, including indigenous eco-tourism projects in tribal regions of the country sanctioned by the Ministry of Tourism to various States/Union Territories during 2007-08, 2008-09, 2009-10, 2010-11 and 2011-12 and current year (till 30th September, 2012) are given in the Statement (*See below*).

(c) and (d) State Governments/Union Territory Administrations execute all tourism projects including those relating to Eco-tourism. Ministry of Tourism periodically monitors the projects executed by the States/Union Territories with Central Financial Assistance. No separate impact assessment of the benefits accruing from the Eco-tourism projects has been carried out by the Ministry of Tourism. However, the Ministry of Tourism has a mandate to promote tourism in the country in a responsible manner. The National Tourism Policy states that greater emphasis should be laid on eco-tourism whose parameters should be broader than those of nature tourism alone so that it helps in eliminating poverty, ending unemployment, in creating new skills, in enhancing the status of women, in preserving cultural heritage, encouraging tribal and local crafts and improving overall environment and facilitating growth of a more just and fair social order.

Statement

State-wise/Union Territory-wise details of Central Financial Assistance given by the Ministry of Tourism during the Eleventh Five Year Plan and current year (Upto 30th September, 2012) for projects focusing on eco-tourism including indigenous eco tourism.

(Rs. in lakhs)			
Sl. No	Year	Name of the Project	Amount Sanctioned
1	2	3	4
Andhra Pradesh			
1	2007-08	Development of Eco-Tourism Center at Pulicat Lake in B.V. Palem at Nellore District.	167.37
2	2008-09	Destination Development of Eco-Park at Nellore Tank, Nellore District.	165.62
3	2008-09	Destination Development of Chillaka Hill Tribal Retreat-Phakal Eco-Tourism Zone and Landscape Park Kummerikunta Narsampet, Warangal District.	312.22

1	2	3	4
4	2009-10	Development of Eco-Tourism centre at Jannaram Adilabad District	283.94
5	2010-11	Development of Eco-Tourism Center at Ananthagiri Ranga Reddy Dist.	404.51
6	2011-12	Development of Eco-Tourism Centre at Orvakallu, Kunool District in Andhra Pradesh	486.35
Arunachal Pradesh			
7	2010-11	Construction of Eco-Tourism at Tego Gamlin Village, West Siang District	370.65
8	2011-12	Construction of Eco-Tourism at Hukanjuri under Deomali Sub-Division	487.93
9	2012-13	Eco-Tourism at Kone Gipong area under Dambuk sub division of Lower Dibang Valley distt.	468.43
Chandigarh			
10	2010-11	Up-gradation at Eco-Tourism Park cum botanical Garden and Creation & Strengthening of Tourism infrastructure	313.32
Haryana			
11	2007-08	Development of Eco-Tourism in Morni-Pinjore hills and Sultanpur National Park	329.00
12	2007-08	Development of Eco-Tourism in Kalesar	319.00
Himachal Pradesh			
13	2007-08	Integrated Development of Tribal Circuit with special focus on Eco Tourism at Spiti-Sangla, Kinnaur-Spiti- Lahaul, Pangi	50.00
14	2007-08	Development of Eco-Tourism in Himachal Pradesh-Kullu-Kalidhar-Manali-Koth-Naggar-Siraj Eco Circuit-, Rohru-Mandi-Sandasu Khasdhar, Larot Dodrakawar-upgradation of forest rest houses, Sarhan, Sholtu to Purbani, Bilaspur Eco Circuit	368.22

1	2	3	4
Jammu and Kashmir			
15	2010-11	Development of Eco Friendly 'Resort in between Nilgrath and Sarbal Village. Jammu and Kashmir by Sonamarg Development Authority	242.13
16	2011-12	Creation of Tourism Infrastructure for Day Camping, Eco-Tourism and Pilgrim Tourism at Park Gatha, Khanitop, Seoj, Padri and at Pilgrim destinations at Bhaderwah in Jammu and Kashmir by Bhaderwah Dev Authority	466.57
17	2012-13	Eco friendly development of Satkudi (Base camp) to Vishansar by Sonamarg Development Authority	406.37
Karnataka			
18	2007-08	Development of Eco-Tourism Park at Hanumanthanagar, Maddur Taluk Mandya District.	229.42
19	2007-08	Development of Eco-Tourism setting up of Jungle Camps and Trails	322.21
20	2007-08	Development of Eco-Sites at Talacauvery, Gopinatham, Bhagwati and Seetanadi	380.26
21	2009-10	Development of Eco-Tourism Resort & Adventure Tourism Facilities, Talkale, Jog, Sagar Taluk, Shimoga District	414.68
22	2009-10	Development of Eco-Tourism Park at Kaginele (District Haveri)	499.97
23	2009-10	Development of Eco-Tourism Resort/ Facilities at Daroji Bear Sanctuary, Hampi, Hospet Taulak Bellary District	339.77
24	2009-10	Development of Jungle Lodges & Resorts at Vilaspur tank in Bidar District	381.35

1	2	3	4
25	2010-11	Development of Eco-Tourism Resort at Khanapur, Forest, Belgum District.	440.32
26	2010-11	Pilikula Nisargadhama Eco Tourism Resort	419.65
Kerala			
27	2007-08	Development of Eco-Tourism Programme in Gavi, Pathanamthitta District.	20.05
28	2008-09	Malabar Mangrove Eco-Tourism circuit in Malappuram, Kozhikode. Kannur and Kasargode Districts.	349.36
Madhya Pradesh			
29	2009-10	Samardha Eco-Tourism Destination Development, District Raisen.	33.45
Maharashtra			
30	2008-09	Major Circuit Development for Eco-Tourism Development Scheme for Vidarbha Region as a Mega Project.	3738.19
Manipur			
31	2010-11	Eco Tourism Complex at Thangal, Senapati District.	310.85
Nagaland			
32	2008-09	Integrated Development of Mon as Eco-Adventure & Cultural destination.	452.76
33	2009-10	Tourist Destination at Kigwema-MT. Suro Eco-Adventure.	383.06
34	2010-11	Integrated Tourist Eco-Adventure & Cultural Circuit, Changtongya-Mingkong-Noksen-Tobu-Shatuya.	784.70
35	2010-11	Integrated Tourist Destination: Eco-Adventure & Cultural Hub at Akito.	434.70

1	2	3	4
36	2010-11	Integrated Tourist Destination: Eco-Adventure Culture Hub Chizami.	500.00
Rajasthan			
37	2010-11	Infrastructure Development of Eco-tourism destination, Kumbhalgarh-Todgarh-Raoli-Ranakpur as a tourist destination & development circuit	594.55
Sikkim			
38	2007-08	Construction of Indian Himalayan Centre for Adventure and Eco-Tourism at Chemchey Phase-II in South Sikkim	389.54
39	2009-10	Development and Promotion of Eco-Tourism Destination in Lachung, Yumthang and in North Sikkim	394.41
Tamil Nadu			
40	2009-10	Destination Development of Thiruparandundram Eco-park in Madurai District.	387.63
41	2011-12	Development of Botanical Garden at Yercaud in Salem District.	365.00
Uttar Pradesh			
42	2011-12	Development and beautification of Shiv Dham & Eco-tourism at Shahpur, Sultanpur.	226.65
43	2011-12	Development of Eco-tourism at Goverdhan (Part of Development of Mathura-Vrindavan as a Mega Tourist Circuit)	91.95
Uttarakhand			
44	2010-11	Development of Eco-Tourism Huts at Auli, Chamoli District.	461.62
45	2010-11	Development of Eco-Tourism at back waters of Tehri lake.	496.74

1	2	3	4
46	2010-11	Development of Eco-Tourism on Purola-Netwar- Harkidun Circuit.	700.85
47	2011-12	Development of Eco- Tourism at Almora	490.80
48	2011-12	Development of Nirmal Gangotri Eco-Tourism Mega Circuit at Uttarakashi in Uttarakhand	5,000.00
49	2011-12	Development of Eco-Tourism at Sat Tal, Uttarakhand	494.79
50	2011-12	Development of Eco-Tourism at Lansdowne, Uttarakhand	495.95
West Bengal			
51	2007-08	Development of Eco-Tourism circuit in and around Jhargram, Distt. Paschim Mednipur.	666.55
52	2008-09	Sajnekhali Eco-tourism complex-Cum-Destination project in South 24 Paraganas District	457.60
53	2010-11	Destination tourism of Buxaduar (eco tourism project)	394.00
54	2011-12	Destination Tourism Project at Sunderbans, 24 Parganas (south)	488.53
TOTAL			28733.54

Stake sale in NTPC

*196. SHRIMATI SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is pushing for a stake sale in National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC), India's largest power company, over-ruling the Power Ministry's concerns to meet the disinvestment target of Rs. 30,000 crore in the current fiscal; and

(b) if so, what amount is likely to be received through the proposed stake sale in NTPC?