

1	2	3	4
2.	Celebration of Shardotsav (Durgapuja), 2011	0.20	Completed
3.	Celebration of Bishnupur Mela 2011 to be held from 23rd to 27th December, 2011	0.06	Completed
4.	Destination Ganga Sagar	5.00	Under Execution
5.	Tourism Destination Development of College Street", Kolkata	4.77	Under Execution
6.	Destination Diamond Harbour	5.00	Under Execution
7.	Gateway Sundarban	4.89	Under Execution
TOTAL		27.94	

Prioritized projects for 2012-13 and its status

1.	The Kolkata Giant Wheel cum Marina (LRG)		
2.	Tourism Park (LRG)		
3.	Gajoldhoba	Detail Project Reports Not Received so far from the State Government of West Bengal	
4.	Sylee		
5.	Kunjnagar		
6.	Mandarmani, Tajpur, junput		
7.	Udaipur, Digha, Shankarpur		
8.	Sundarban (Mega project)		
9.	Dooars (Mega project) (Reprioritized project of 2010-11)	46.68	Under Execution
TOTAL		46.68	

Schemes for promotion of rural tourism

*199.SHRI AAYANUR MANJUNATHA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the schemes for promoting rural tourism in the country;
- (b) the number of proposals received and sanctioned by the Union Government for grant of financial assistance to promote rural tourism in the country during the last three years and the current year. State-wise and year-wise;
- (c) the number of tourist spots identified to be developed as tourism spots; and
- (d) the other steps being taken by Government to provide connectivity to the rural areas for promoting rural tourism?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (DR. K. CHIRANJEEVI): (a) The Ministry of Tourism is implementing the Rural Tourism Scheme with the main objective of showcasing rural life, art, culture and heritage in villages which have core competence in art and craft, handloom, textiles, natural environment etc. under this scheme. Central Financial Assistance (CFA) upto Rs.50.00 lakh for infrastructure development and upto Rs. 20.00 lakh for capacity building is provided to State Governments/Union Territory Administrations for each identified site.

(b) CFA is provided to State Governments/Union Territory (UT) Administrations on the basis of proposals received from them and subject to adherence to scheme guidelines, availability of funds and *inter-se* priority. The number of rural tourism projects and amount sanctioned to States/UTs under the Rural Tourism Scheme during each of the last three years and the current year. State-wise and year-wise are given in Statement (*See below*).

(c) The Ministry of Tourism has sanctioned Rural Tourism projects at 185 sites to various States/Union Territory Administrations upto 31st March, 2012. For the year 2012-13, rural tourism projects at 13 sites were identified for development, based on prioritization meetings held by the Ministry of Tourism with State Governments/UT Administrations.

(d) Improvement of roads within the Panchayat limit is one of the components of the Rural Tourism Scheme for which CFA is provided to the State Governments/UT Administrations.

Statement

The number of Rural Tourism projects and amount sanctioned during 2009-10, 2010-11, 2011-12 & 2012-13 (till 30.9.12)

Sl. No.	State/UT	(Rs. lakh)							
		2009-10		2010-11		2011-12		2012-13 (till 30.09.2012)	
		No of projects	Amt sanctioned	No of projects	Amt sanctioned	No of projects	Amt sanctioned	No of projects	Amt sanctioned
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1	Andhra Pradesh	7	220.37	3	109.8	2	62.54	0	0
2	Arunachal Pradesh	2	64.66	1	17.0	2	85.88	1	20.00
3	Jammu & Kashmir	12	374.82	4	136.74	6	266.19	3	51.00
4	Kerala	1	18	0	0	0	0	0	0
5	Maharashtra	0	0	0	0	1	17.29	1	49.08
6	Manipur	1	16.33	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	Meghalaya	1	20	0	0	0	0	1	50.00
8	Mizoram	0	0	1	20	1	50	2	62.7

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
9	Nagalahd	6	205.1	0	0	8	268.44	0	0
10	Odisha	0	0	0	0	1	20	0	0
11	Punjab	0	0	1	15.5	1	15.93	0	0
12	Sikkim	5	146.76	5	181.27	0	0	0	0
13	Tamil Nadu	3	86.45	0	0	0	0	0	0
14	Tripura	6	163.22	4	164.9	0	0	0	0
15	Uttarakhand	0	0	0	0	1	17	0	0
16	Uttar Pradesh	0	0	1	40.51	0	0	0	0
17	West Bengal	0	0	0	0	2	70	0	0
18	Puducherry	1	50	1	15.17	0	0	0	0
TOTAL		45	1365.71	21	700.89	25	873.27	8	232.78

52 Written Answers to [RAJYA SABHA]

Starred Questions