

based on the project proposal received from the State Government subject to inter-se-priority.

### **Sound and Light show at Udayagiri**

2290. SHRI DILIP KUMAR TIRKEY : Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Ministry has made any plan to remove hindrances in the completion of Sound and Light show at Udayagiri;
- (b) if so, the details thereof about the timeline for completion of said show; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (DR. K. CHIRANJEEVI) : (a) to (c) The Ministry of Culture, Government of India had sanctioned Rs. 125.00 lakh to India Tourism Development Corporation (ITDC) during the year 2003 to organize Sound and Light show at Udayagiri, Odisha.

ITDC implemented the project and the trial run was held in 2008. However, as informed by Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) that during the installation of the show, some damages were caused to the caves. In a meeting held on 19th February, 2010, ASI decided to remove all the installations carefully and accordingly its team has removed all the installations.

### **Infrastructure and tourism development project in Assam**

2291. SHRIMATI NAZNIN FARUQUE : Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of infrastructure and tourism development projects sanctioned and executed during the Tenth and Eleventh Plan in the State of Assam, plan-wise and year-wise;
- (b) whether any special grants have been given for festival as a part of tourism development in Assam during the above periods;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (DR. K. CHIRANJEEVI) : (a) Development and promotion of tourism including festival is undertaken primarily by State Governments/Union Territory Administrations. The Ministry of Tourism, however, extends financial assistance to State Governments/Union Territory Administrations for tourism projects which are prioritized every year based on discussions with them, subject to availability of funds, inter-se-priority and adherence to the scheme guidelines.

The detail of infrastructure projects sanctioned by the Ministry of Tourism under the scheme "Product/Infrastructure Development for Destinations and Circuits (PIDDC)" sanctioned to the State of Assam is given in the Statement-I (*See below*).

(b) to (d) The detail of the amount of grant sanctioned for the festivals to the State of Assam during the 10th and 11th Plan Period is given in the Statement-II.

***Statement-I***

*Detail of infrastructure projects sanctioned under the scheme "Product/  
Infrastructure Development for Destinations and Circuits*

(Rs. in crore)

Sl. No.	Name of project	Amount sanctioned
1	2	3
<b>Tenth PLAN</b>		
<b>2002-03</b>		
1.	Camping Site at Kohora	1.42
2.	Development of Ethnic village at Bhalukpung	0.45
3.	Signages	0.25
4.	Development of Heritage & Eco-Tourism Resort at Majuli	3.82
5.	River front Development along Brahmaputra	0.30
6.	Construction of facilities for pilgrims at Kamakhya	0.80
TOTAL		7.04

1	2	3
<b>2003-04</b>		
1.	Integrated Tourist Complex at Agartoli Range, Kaziranga (N.E. Circuit-2002-03)	1.58
2.	Development around Kamakhya Temple	1.51
TOTAL		3.09
<b>2004-05</b>		
1.	Development of Tourism Circuit Assam-Pobitra- Kaliabhomara-Amoni	4.38
2.	Tourist Arival-cum-Reception Center, Guwahati	3.56
TOTAL		7.94
<b>2005-06</b>		
1.	Circuit Development of Manas-Guwahati-Kaziranga	7.81
2.	Development of NE Circuit in Assam	2.80
3.	Integrated Development of Dhubri-Goalpara-Guwahati- Silchar Karimganj Tourism Circuit in Assam	4.32
4.	Proposal for Development of Adventure Tourism in Kaziranga, Assam	0.45
5.	Proposed Eco-Tourism Development at Kokrajhar, Assam	4.60
TOTAL		19.98
<b>2006-07</b>		
1.	Integrated Development of Tourism Circuit Orang- Tezpur-Bhalukpong-Biswanath-Chairaiali-Gohpur Circuit	7.75
2.	Construction of Integrated Convention Centre and Wellness Centre in the Centre of Hotel Brahmaputra Ashok, Guahati under Integrated Destination Development Scheme	4.54

1	2	3
3.	Destination Development of Sivasagar	3.69
4.	Development of Kamakhya and Satelite Pilgrimage Township of Hajo	4.37
5.	Destination Development of Bhramaputra River front and Cruise Vessel on Bhramaputra	3.66
TOTAL		24.01
GRAND TOTAL		62.06

**Eleventh PLAN****2007-08**

1.	Development of Tourist circuit Barak Valley and Two Hill District in Southern Assam.	6.05
2.	Development of Tourist Circuit (Western Assam Circuit) Dhubari-Mahamaya-Barpeta-hajo, Assam.	4.98
3.	Setting up of a Sound & Talatal Ghar, Sivasagar in Assam	1.59
TOTAL		12.62

**2008-09**

1.	Development of Tourist Circuit- Kaliabor-Jakhalabandha-Nagaon	6.69
2.	Development of Buddhist Tourist Circuit in Assam	6.53
3.	Dev. of Tourist Circuit Dibru Saikhowa National Park- Makum-Margherita-Digboi. Assam	3.32
4.	Development of Tourist Circuit Kaziranga - Sivasagar-Jorhat (East Assam Circuit)	4.54
TOTAL		21.08

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**2009-10**

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| 1. | Destination Development on the Bank of Brahmaputra at Guwahati                          | 2.01 |
| 2. | Destination Development of Koya Kujia Lake, North Salmara, Bongaigaon                   | 3.79 |
| 3. | Samaguri Lake- Morikolong- Badulikorung-Chapanala-Akashiganga” Tourist Circuit in Assam | 4.36 |

TOTAL	10.16
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**2010-11**

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| 1. | Destination of Haflong, NC Hills along with Heliport in Assam under the scheme of Destination Development. | 4.76 |
| 2. | Development of Sualkuchi as Tourist Destination in Assam.  | 4.41 |
| 3. | Development of Sarthebari-Barpeta-Patbaosi-Konora-Baghbor-Sorbhog Heritage Circuit in Assam                | 7.08 |
| 4. | Development of Wayside Amenities along NH-31, 37 and 52 in Assam   | 7.31 |

TOTAL	23.56
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**2011-12**

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| 1. | Development of Tourist Destination of Samaguri Lake in Nagaon District in Assam                    | 3.48 |
| 2. | Development of tourism infrastructure including Ghats and Jetties along the Brahmaputra Riverways. | 6.59 |

TOTAL	10.07
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GRAND TOTAL	77.49
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**Statement-II**

*Details of the amount of grant sanctioned for the festivals to the State of Assam during the 10th and 11th Plan*

(Rs. in crore)

Sl. No.	Name of project	Amount sanctioned
1	2	3
<b>Tenth PLAN</b>		
<b>2002-03</b>		
1.	Rangoli Bihu Festival	0.12
2.	Majuli Festival	0.05
TOTAL		0.17
<b>2003-04</b>		
1.	Elephant Festival	0.04
2.	Rangoli Utsav	0.05
TOTAL		0.09
<b>2004-05</b>		
1.	Celebration of Kaziranga National Park and 3rd Elephant Festival of Kaziranga 11th to 17th February, 2005	0.15
TOTAL		0.15
<b>2005-06</b>		
1.	Celebration of Dehing-Patkai Festival. Assam	0.05
2.	Kaziranga Festival 11th to 14th February, 2006	0.05
	Celebration of the Tea Tourism Festival, 2005	0.05
4.	Celebration of Barak Valley Festival, Silchar	0.05
TOTAL		0.20

1	2	3
<b>2006-07</b>		
1.	Celebration of Elephant Festival	0.10
2.	Celebration of Rangoli Bihu Festival in the month of March/April, 2007	0.10
3.	Celebration of the Tea Tourism Festival, 2006	0.05
4.	Celebration of Dihing-Patkai Festival, 2007	0.05
TOTAL		0.30
GRAND TOTAL		0.91
<b>Eleventh PLAN</b>		
<b>2007-08</b>		
1.	Celebration of Tea Tourism Festival, 2007	0.05
2.	Celebration of Dehing Pataki Festival, 2007	0.05
TOTAL		0.10
<b>2008-09</b>		
	NIL	0
<b>2009-10</b>		
1.	Celebration of Rangoli Utsav	0.05
2.	Celebration of Elephant Festival	0.05
TOTAL		0.10
<b>2010-11</b>		
	NIL	0

1	2	3
<b>2011-12</b>		
1.	Celebration of Rass Festival at Majuli in the month of October, 2011	0.25
2.	Organize the Bodo National Festival and Jaipore Rain Forest Festival	0.25
TOTAL		0.50
GRAND TOTAL		0.70

### Capacity building scheme for rural tourism

2292. SHRIMATI KANIMOZHI : Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether capacity building schemes for rural tourism adopted in 2011 have been implemented;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and district-wise; and

(c) whether such schemes cover any arts and craft industry of Tamil Nadu, if so, details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (DR. K. CHIRANJEEVI) : (a) and (b) The Ministry of Tourism is implementing a scheme of capacity building for service providers for rural tourism since 2004-05. Under this scheme. Central Financial Assistance (CFA) of upto Rs. 20.00 lakh is sanctioned to State Governments/Union Territory Administrations for rural tourism projects for capacity building of local persons in villages which have core competence in art & craft, handloom, textiles, natural environment, etc. The projects are sanctioned based on proposals received from State Governments/UT Administrations, subject to adherence to scheme guidelines, availability of funds and *inter-se* priority. The State-wise and district-wise details of CFA sanctioned to the State Governments/UT Administrations for capacity building for rural tourism during 2011-12 are given in Statement-I (*See below*).