

- (iv) An advisory has been posted on the Ministry of Tourism website *www.incredibleindia.org* indicating that India remains safe destination for international Tourists including women tourists.
- (v) 13 State Governments have introduced the "Tourist Police" in their State in some form or another.

Statement

*The number of Domestic and Foreign Tourist visited NER
during 2010, 2011, and 2012*

Sl. No.	State/UT	2010		2011		2012	
		Domestic	Foreign	Domestic	Foreign	Domestic	Foreign
1.	Assam	40,50,924	15,157	43,39,485	16,400	45,11,407	17,543
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	2,27,857	3,395	2,33,227	4,753	3,17,243	5,135
3.	Mizoram	57,292	731	62,174	658	64,249	744
4.	Meghalaya	6,52,756	4,177	6,67,504	4,803	6,80,254	5,313
5.	Manipur	11,4,062	389	1,34,505	578	1,34,541	749
6.	Nagaland	21,094	1,132	25,391	2,080	35,915	2,489
7.	Tripura	3,42,273	5,212	3,59,515	6,046	3,61,786	7,840
8.	Sikkim	7,00,011	20,757	5,52,453	23,602	5,58,538	26,489
TOTAL:		61,66,269	50,950	63,74,254	58,920	66,63,933	66,302

Tourist projects for West Bengal, Bihar and Odisha

1723. SHRI D.P. TRIPATHI: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the number of tourism projects sanctioned by Central Government for West Bengal, Bihar and Odisha during the last three years; and

(b) the details of their names and sanctioned funds?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (DR. K. CHIRANJEEVI): (a) and (b) The Ministry of Tourism (MoT) provides Central Financial Assistance (CFA) to various State Governments/Union Territory Administrations for the

development of various tourism projects prioritized at beginning of every year in consultation with them subject to availability of funds, *inter-se* priority and adherence to the scheme guidelines. Development and promotion, of various tourism projects in the country including West Bengal, Bihar and Odisha is primarily the responsibility of respective State Government/Union Territory (UT) Administration. The details and names of projects and amount sanctioned for West Bengal, Bihar and Odisha during the last three years are given in the Statement.

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The details and names of projects and amount sanctioned for West Bengal, Bihar and Odisha during the last three years

(Rs. in lakh)

Sl. No.	Name of the projects	Amount sanctioned
1	2	3
Odisha		
2010-11		
1.	Development of Chandipur Sea Beach, Dagara Sea Beach, Basudevpur Dharma Beach, Akhandalamani Temple, Bhadrakals Temple, and Biranchanarayad Temple, Odisha	754.27
2.	Development of Baragarh-Papanga-Sambalpur-Ghanteswari-Budgaraja-Gudguda and Jharsuguda-Kuiliguhar-Bikramkhol under Circuit Development Scheme	433.95
3.	Circuit Tourism Development of Sanghara-Ghatagaon-Keonjhar-Sitabinj and Gundichaghai in Odisha	443.45
4.	Development of Destination Tourism at Cuttack, (Subhash Bose Memorial and Swarajya Ashram at Cuttack) in Odisha	360.16
5.	Celebration of All India Paika Akhada/Martial Art Utsav, Odisha	5.00
6.	Celebration of Konark Dance	18.47
7.	Celebration of Chandipur Golden Beach Festival, Odisha	6.95
8.	Celebration of Dhauli Mahotasv	7.15

1	2	3
2011-12		
1.	Development of Pipili Destination	482.98
2.	Development of Tribal Circuit Gajapati-Rayagada	658.71
3.	Celebration of Puri Beach festival	5.00
4.	Celebration of Konark Dance festival	6.35
5.	Celebration of Dhauuli Mahotsav	6.00
6.	Chandipur Golden Beach Festival 2nd to 5th January, 2012	6.00
7.	Dhanu Yatra January, 2012	5.00
8.	Celebration of All India Paika Akhada from 10th to 17th April, 2011	5.35
2012-13		
1.	Celebration of Toshali Craft Mela hold from 15th to 27th December, 2011 Odisha	16.30
2.	Celebration of Konark Festival and Toshali National Craft Mela, 2012	45.00
West Bengal		
2010-11		
1.	Development of Tourism Information Facilities with Interactive Touch Screen Kiosks and Audit Guides onboard busses and boats for IT proposal	50.00
2.	Tourism Destination Development of Gadiara in Howrah Distt., West Bengal.	442.20
3.	Destination tourism of Buxaduar (Eco Tourism) in West Bengal	394.00
4.	Development of 'Ahirom-Subhas Deep-Sagardighi-Nawagram Tourism Circuit' in Murshidabad Distt., West Bengal	788.48
5.	'Ayodhya Pahar Circuit Tourism' in Purulia District, West Bengal	485.00

1	2	3
6.	Celebration of Shardotsav festival 2010	20.00
7.	Celebration of West Bengal Day, to coincide with Common Wealth Games 2010	12.00
8.	Organizing 'Bishnupur Mela-2010' in West Bengal	10.00
2011-12		
1.	Illumination of Heritage Buildings	798.39
2.	Celebration of Shardotsav (Durgapuja), 2011	20.00
3.	Celebration of Bishnupur Mela 2011 to be held from 23rd to 27th December, 2011	6.00
4.	Tourism Destination Development of College Street, Kolkata	477.29
5.	Destination Tourism Project at Diamond Harbour, 24, Paragnas (South) West Bengal	500.00
6.	Destination Tourism Project at Ganga Sagar 24, Paragnas (South) West Bengal	500.00
7.	Destination Tourism Project at Sundarban, 24, Paragnas (South) West Bengal	488.53
8.	Celebration of Digha Beach festival	20.00
9.	Golf Tournament in Duars	4.00
2012-13		
1.	North Bengal Dooars Mega Tourist Circuit in West Bengal	4668.46
2.	Sharadotsav (Durgapuja) 21st October to 24th October, 2012	20.00
3.	Bishnupur Mela 23rd December to 27th December, 2012	6.00
Bihar		
2010-11		
1.	Development of Tourism Infrastructure at (a) Khanquah Mujeebia, Phulwarisharif, Patna (b) KhanquahMunimia, Patna City Patna and (c) DargahHazrat, MaqdumJahan, Biharsharif under Development of Sufi Circuit in Bihar	360.06

1	2	3
	2011-12	
	Nil	—
	2012-13	
1.	Development of Antichak, Vikramshila in Bihar (2012-13)	500.00

New tourism policy to boost tourism in the country

1724. SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL:

DR. JANARDHAN WAGHMARE:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the country has recorded its slowest growth in tourist inflow in the past few years; if so, the details of tourist inflow in the country during the last three years and the reasons for its decline;

(b) whether Government proposes to formulate any new tourism policy to boost tourism in the country, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the measures proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (DR. K. CHIRANJEEVI): (a) The number of Domestic Tourist Visits (DTVs) and Foreign Tourist Visits (FTVs) in India along with the growth rate over the previous year are given below:—

Year	2010	2011	2012
DTVs (in million)	747.7	864.5	1036.3
Growth Rate (%)	11.8	15.6	19.9
FTVs (in million)	17.9	19.5	20.7
Growth Rate (%)	24.6	8.9	6.3

State/UT-wise break up of DTVs and FTVs during 2010, 2011 and 2012 are given in the Statement (*See* below).

(b) The Tourism Policy of the Government was formulated in 2002 after detailed interaction with the industry associations, concerned Ministries and Departments of Central Government, State Governments and other stakeholders. The main objectives of the policy are to position tourism as a major engine of economic growth and to harness its direct and multiplier effects for employment and poverty eradication in a sustainable manner.