

SC/STs staff strength in the Ministry/attached offices

1225. SHRI AMBETH RAJAN: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) the details of the staff strength of the Ministry and attached bodies/autonomous bodies of the Ministry; and

(b) the details of the staff strength belonging to SCs/STs in the Ministry and attached bodies/autonomous bodies of the Ministry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (DR. MAHESH SHARMA): (a) and (b) The details of total sanctioned strength and staff belonging to SCs/STs in the Ministry of Tourism including its attached offices and Autonomous Organizations are as under:

Organisation	Total Sanctioned Strength	Total staff belonging to SCs appointed against the sanctioned strength	Total staff belonging to STs appointed against the sanctioned strength
Ministry and attached offices	511*	80	25
Autonomous Organisations	1070	186	45

* Against 511 total sanctioned strength, 25 posts belong to 'other than cadre posts' in the Ministry of Tourism.

Promotion of tourism in Telangana and Andhra Pradesh

1226. SHRI GARIKAPATI MOHAN RAO: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has assessed the tourist potential of Telangana and Andhra Pradesh States;

(b) what steps are being taken to promote tourism in Telangana and Andhra Pradesh; and

(c) the plans for Twelfth Plan in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (DR. MAHESH SHARMA): (a) to (c) The development and promotion of tourism destinations and products is primarily the responsibility of the concerned State Government/Union Territory (UT) Administration. However, the Ministry of Tourism provides Central Financial Assistance (CFA) to various States/Union Territories for tourism projects prioritized in consultation with them for each financial year subject to availability of funds, *inter-se* priority and adherence to scheme guidelines.

13 number of projects (07 projects for Telangana and 06 projects for Andhra Pradesh) have been prioritized for grant of CFA during the current financial year 2014-15. Details of the projects are given in the Statement (*See* below).

Although the tourism sector in India has grown in recent years, it is felt that with India's vast bounties of nature, its great treasures of art, architecture and philosophical thought, its rich cultural heritage, its varied rural countryside and wildlife, age-old practices of Yoga, Siddha, etc. spread across different States/UTs, there is immense tourism potential to tap, which can lead to further growth in tourism.

Statement

*Details of projects prioritized for the year 2014-15 for grant of
CFA for the State of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana*

◆ **Andhra Pradesh**

Mega Circuit

- a. Kondapalli – Ibrahimpatnam and surrounding areas Mega Circuit.

Circuit

- a. GuttikondaBilam Cave – Pidugurali – Kondaveedu Fort – Kotappa Konda Temple Circuit, Guntur District
- b. Buddhist Circuit Srikakulam.

Destinations

- a. Development of Nagarjunasagar
- b. Sound and Light Show and area development in Srikalahasti
- c. Development of Perupalem Beach in West Godavari

◆ **Telangana**

Mega Circuit

- a. Warangal – Karimnagar Mega Circuit

Circuit

- a. Rachakonda Fort – Arutla (Temple) – Rangapur Observatory-Galishahid Darga – Allapuram Village (Temples) – Narayanpur (Temples) – Sivanna Gudem Rock Formations – Valley of Banzaras Circuit.

Destinations

- a. Development of Durgam Cheruvu Lake Hyderabad.
 - b. Development of Heritage Theme Park in Hyderabad
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- c. Development of Khammam Fort and surrounding areas in Khammam District.
 - d. Development of tourist places in Karimnagar District.
 - e. Development of tourist facilities in Temples of Panagal and Udayasamudram in Panagal, Nalagonda
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Action plan for development of Chitrakoot for tourism

1227. SHRI TARUN VIJAY: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Chitrakoot, the main tourist and pilgrimage site in Uttar Pradesh is on the national and international tourist map and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether any action plan has been formulated for the development of the site; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (DR. MAHESH SHARMA): (a) Yes, Sir. Chitrakoot is on the tourist maps of Uttar Pradesh and India, which were published by the State Government of Uttar Pradesh and Ministry of Tourism respectively.

(b) and (c) The development of tourism in the country is primarily undertaken by State Governments/Union Territory Administrations. Ministry of Tourism, however, provides Central Financial Assistance (CFA) for projects which are prioritized in consultation with the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations. The proposals for the projects, which are complete as per scheme guidelines are sanctioned subject to availability of funds, *inter-se* priority and utilization of funds released earlier by the concerned State Government/Union Territory Administrations. The following 2 projects were sanctioned under CFA in the year 2013-14 under the Twelfth plan, by the Ministry of Tourism, Government of India for Chitrakoot in Uttar Pradesh:

	(₹ in lakh)
Beautification works of Ramghat in District Chitrakoot, Uttar Pradesh	₹ 309.88
Beautification works of Kamad Giri Parikrama Path in District Chitrakoot, Uttar Pradesh	₹ 361.61

Development of forest villages to promote eco-tourism in U.P.

1228. SHRI PRAMOD TIWARI: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has proposed to identify and develop forest villages to promote eco-tourism in the country including Uttar Pradesh;