

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the names of places identified for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (DR. MAHESH SHARMA): (a) to (c) Sir, at present there is no proposal under consideration with the Ministry of Tourism for Special Tourism Zones.

Funds to Rajasthan under special package

†299. SHRI ASHK ALI TAK: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a considerable scope for development of tourism in the State of Rajasthan, if so, the names and details of such areas;

(b) the details of amount granted for various tasks for the development of tourism during the past five years by Government to the State Government; and

(c) whether Government proposes to grant funds under any special package to the State Government for the development of tourism, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (DR. MAHESH SHARMA): (a) and (b) Development of Tourism is primarily undertaken by State Governments/UT Administrations. However, Ministry of Tourism provides Central Financial Assistance (CFA) for projects which are prioritized in consultation with them. 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.

The Ministry of Tourism has sanctioned total CFA of ₹ 10781.01 lakh to the State Government of Rajasthan for development of tourism infrastructure in the State in past five years as given below:

Year	CFA sanctioned
2009-2010	1974.38
2010-2011	3131.92
2011-2012	500.00
2012-2013	Nil
2013-2014	5174.71

(₹ in lakhs)

(c) This Ministry does not propose to grant funds under any special package to the State Government for the development of tourism as of date.