

Strengthening of tourism infrastructure

2208. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the steps taken by Government to strengthen tourism infrastructure under the various schemes of Government;

(b) the details of amount spent on each scheme during the last five years; and

(c) the details of infrastructure created under these schemes during last five years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (DR. MAHESH SHARMA): (a) to (c) The Ministry of Tourism (MOT) has been providing Central Financial Assistance (CFA) for development of tourism infrastructure in States/UTs under various plan scheme subject to receipt of suitable DPRs, availability of funds, liquidation of pending utilization certificates against the funds released earlier and adherence to the relevant scheme guidelines. Details of expenditure incurred on tourism infrastructure under the major plan scheme are as follows:

(₹ in crore)

Name of the Scheme	Expenditure
2010-11 to 2014-15	
Swadesh Darshan	20.00
National Mission on Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual Augmentation Drive (PRASAD)	15.60
Assistance to Central Agencies for Tourism Infrastructure Development	66.92
Product/Infrastructure Development for Destinations and Circuits (PIDDC)	2341.75

The list of projects completed under major plan schemes for tourism infrastructure during 2010-11 to 2014-15 years is given in the Statement.

Statement

The list of projects completed under major plan schemes for tourism infrastructure during 2010-11 to 2014-15 years

Sl. No.	Name of the State	Number of Completed Projects
2010-11 to 2014-15		
1.	Andhra Pradesh	17
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	23
3.	Assam	1

Sl. No.	Name of the State	Number of Completed Projects
4.	Chandigarh	1
5.	Jammu and Kashmir	6
6.	Kerala	1
7.	Karnataka	2
8.	Mizoram	4
9.	Madhya Pradesh	7
10.	Nagaland	8
11.	Rajasthan	1
12.	Tamil Nadu	4
13.	Uttarakhand	1
TOTAL		76

Funds released to Andhra Pradesh for tourism sector

2209. SHRIMATI THOTA SEETHARAMA LAKSHMI: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the names of tourism projects undertaken by the Andhra Pradesh Government in the last 18 months;

(b) the details of funds released to the State of Andhra Pradesh for the tourism sector; and

(c) by when the remaining amount, if any, would be released to the State for the development of tourism?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (DR. MAHESH SHARMA): (a) and (b) Details of tourism projects for which Central Financial Assistance has been provided to the State of Andhra Pradesh during 2014-15 and 2015-16 (till date) is given in the Statement (*See* below).

(c) Product Infrastructure for Development of Destinations and Circuits (PIDDC) Scheme has been delinked from Union Support with effect from 2015-16 in pursuance of the recommendations of Fourteenth Finance Commission regarding higher devolution of 42% to States from Union's Taxes and Duties during its award period 2015-2020. Now this scheme has to be implemented by the State Governments from their own resources. For the projects sanctioned under other schemes of Ministry of Tourism, further release of funds is subject to physical and financial progress and availability of funds.