

Sl. No.	Name of the Project	Sanctioned	Released
Andhra Pradesh			
4.	Development of Amaravati Town in Guntur District as a Tourist Destination	28.36	5.67
Bihar			
5.	Development of Patna Sahib	41.54	8.31
6.	Development of Basic Facilities at Vishnupad Temple, Gaya, Bihar	-	1.29 (2nd instalment)
Uttar Pradesh			
7.	Development of Varanasi	20.04	4.08
Uttarakhand			
8.	Development of Kedarnath	34.78	4.47
TOTAL		205.59	40.00

Tourism development programmes in collaboration with UNWTO

457. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the tourism development programmes that are presently in place in collaboration with the United Nations World Tourism Organisation (UNWTO);

(b) where there are any other international organisations with which India is cooperating with regard to any programmes in the country; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (DR. MAHESH SHARMA): (a) The Ministry of Tourism is not collaborating with UNWTO for any tourism development programmes at present.

(b) and (c) The Ministry of Tourism, Government of India, the Departments of Tourism of the Governments of Bihar and Uttar Pradesh and International Finance Corporation (World Bank Group) had entered into an agreement in October 2013 to cooperate in upgrading the quality of services and goods provided for tourists along the "Buddhist Circuit" in India. The project has been completed and the strategy for integrated tourism development of the Buddhist Circuit in Bihar and Uttar Pradesh "INVESTING IN BUDDHIST CIRCUIT" was launched on 17th July 2014.

The details of financial assistance received from the Asian Development Bank for development of the tourism sector in the country may be seen in the Statement.

Statement

Details of Asian Development Bank financed tourism projects in India

South Asia Tourism Infrastructure Development Project (SATIDP)-India:

SATIDP-India with an ADB loan of \$ 20 million was approved by ADB on 16 November 2009, signed on 4 October 2010 and made effective on 25 January 2011, focuses on the State of Sikkim. The project components included (i) connectivity enhancement (ii) nature and culture based tourism destination improvements, and (iii) support to community participation, capacity building and project management. The closing date for the project is 15 September 2016.

Infrastructure Development Investment Program for Tourism (IDIPT): IDIPT

was approved by ADB on 4 October 2010 as a Multitranche Financing Facility (MFF) for \$ 250 Million. The loan allocations are \$ 66.61 million to the State of Himachal Pradesh, \$ 61.98 million to State of Punjab, \$ 55.79 million to State of Tamil Nadu and \$ 61.62 million to State of Uttarakhand. The Investment Program is an integral part of the road map covering the four States. The Program targets enhanced economic growth and provision of livelihood opportunities for local communities through tourism infrastructure development with a focus on preservation and development of built, natural and cultural heritage and incidental services. The Program consists of five components viz. (i) urban infrastructure and service improvement; (ii) connectivity improvement; (iii) quality enhancement of natural and cultural attractions; (iv) community-based activities and (v) capacity development, community participation and project management.

The closing date for the Program is 30 June 2020. As of now under the MFF, three projects (Loan 2676-IND, loan 2833 and Loan 3223) amounting to \$ 210.77 million have been approved by ADB and are under implementation. Details of the projects are below:

Loan No.	Loan Name	State(s)	Loan Amount (in \$ million)	Completion date
1	2	3	4	5
2676 IND	Infrastructure Development Investment Program for Tourism, Project-1	Punjab and Himachal Pradesh	Total-43.42 Punjab-20.32 Himachal Pradesh-23.10	30 June 2017

1	2	3	4	5
2833-IND	Infrastructure Development Investment Program for Tourism, Project-2	Tamil Nadu and Uttarakhand	Total-43.84* Tamil Nadu-20.56 Uttarakhand-23.28	31 December 2017
3223-IND	Infrastructure Development Investment Program for Tourism, Project-3	Punjab, Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand	Total-123.51 Punjab-41.66 Himachal Pradesh-43.51 Uttarakhand-38.34	30 June 2020
2578-IND	South Asia Tourism infrastructure Development Project-India	Sikkim	Total-20.00**	15 September 2016

*Net loan amount is \$42.54 after partial loan cancellation of \$1.3 million from Tamil Nadu component. The net loan amount for Tamil Nadu upon cancellation is \$19.26 million.

**Net loan amount is \$12.0 after two partial loan cancellations of \$6.0 million and \$2.0 million.

Development of eco-tourism in Jharkhand

458. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- whether Government is committed to promote eco-tourism in the State of Jharkhand, if so, the details thereof;
- the details of the schemes formulated for this purpose;
- the district-wise places identified for promotion of eco-tourism; and
- the details of the funds earmarked for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (DR. MAHESH SHARMA): (a) to (d) Development and promotion of tourist destinations and products including Eco-tourism and implementation of tourism projects is primarily the responsibility of the respective State Government/Union Territory (UT) Administration. The Ministry of Tourism provides Central Financial Assistance (CFA) under relevant schemes to State Governments/Union Territory Administrations for various tourism projects including Eco-Tourism, subject to availability of funds, submission of Utilization Certificates for funds released earlier and adherence to the scheme guidelines.