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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:

(a) whether Government is committed to promote eco-tourism in the State of Jharkhand, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of the schemes formulated for this purpose;

(c) the district-wise places identified for promotion of eco-tourism; and

(d) 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.

The Ministry of Tourism has launched the Swadesh Darshan scheme in the year 2014-15 with a vision to develop Theme based tourist circuits on the principles of high tourist value, competitiveness and sustainability in an integrated manner by synergizing efforts to focus on needs and concerns of all stakeholders to enrich tourist experience and enhance employment opportunities. One of the Circuits identified under the Scheme also includes Eco Circuit, however no proposal has been received from the Government of Jharkhand under the said Circuit.

Survey conducted by the quality council of India

459. SHRI SALIM ANSARI: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Varanasi has been ranked among the least clean cities in India, according to survey conducted by the Quality Council of India; and

(b) if so, what steps Government proposes to take to make Varanasi the cleanest city in India due to its oldest culture and heritage status in the world?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (DR. MAHESH SHARMA): (a) The 'Swachh Survekshan', is a survey commissioned by the Ministry of Urban Development through Quality Council of India (QCI) to review the sanitation and hygiene conditions in 73 major cities (comprising 40% of India's total urban population)—including 52 cities with a population of more than one million and all State capitals. As per the results of the survey, Varanasi has been awarded 65th rank with the score of 839 out of maximum of 2000, among the 73 cities.

(b) Ministry of Urban Development is implementing Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM) since 2nd October, 2014 with the target to clean the country by 2nd October, 2019. Urban sanitation including solid waste management is admissible under SBM. The 14 wards of Varanasi along the Ghats will be experiencing state-of-the-art sweeping, collection and transportation of solid waste, for which the job has been awarded to IL&FS and the same, will be functional by 1st June, 2016. Subsequently, this waste will be processed and converted to compost, initially by NTPC, and later by some other agency to be engaged by the Nagar Nigam on a long-term basis. Additionally, 10 decentralized solid waste management plants of 5 Tonne Per Day (TPD) each are currently being set up and likely to be commissioned by July 2016. Under SBM, 3300 individual household toilets and under Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) project of Namami Gange, 205 community and public toilet complexes are being constructed. Once functional and being used, these toilet infrastructure will help to eradicate the menace of open defecation in the Varanasi City.

Also, Government of India is implementing "Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT)" and "Smart City Mission" since 25th June,