

Under Buddhist Circuit theme, Ministry has sanctioned projects "Construction of Cultural Centre at Bodhgaya, Bihar" for ₹33.17 crore in 2014-15 and "Development of Buddhist Circuit in Sanchi-Satna- Rewa-Mandsaur-Dhar in Madhya Pradesh" for ₹74.94 crore in 2016-17.

(d) The details of projects carried out with foreign assistance for development of Buddhist sites during the last five years is given in the Statement.

Statement

*Details of projects carried out with foreign assistance for development of
Buddhist sites during the last five years*

1. **Ajanta Ellora Conservation and Tourism Development Project (Phase-II) 2003-2014:** A loan agreement for an amount equivalent to 7331 million JPY was signed between Government of India and Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) in March 2003 for the above project. The places covered under the project were Ajanta, Ellora, Aurangabad, Daultabad, Patnadevi, Lonar in Maharashtra. The project was completed in July 2014 and the total expenditure incurred on the project is ₹250.30 crore approx.
2. **Designing of comprehensive plan for upgradation of Buddhist sites in Bihar and Uttar Pradesh.** The Ministry of Tourism, Govt, of India, the Departments of Tourism of the Governments of Bihar and Uttar Pradesh and the International Finance Corporation (IFC) (World Bank Group) had entered into an agreement for advisory services in October 2013 for designing and implementing a comprehensive plan for upgradation of Buddhist sites in Bihar and Uttar Pradesh. The work on the project is over and the strategy formulated by IFC "**Investing in Buddhist circuit-2014-2018**" was released in July 2014. The total cost of project was ₹4.50 crore of which the share of Ministry of Tourism was 50%, IFC 40% and the States of Bihar and UP was 5% each.

Decline in inflow of foreign tourists

†1960. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the inflow of foreign tourists into India has registered a decline;
- (b) if so, the reasons for this decline and the details thereof; and

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(c) if not, the details of inflow of the foreign tourists to the country from the financial year 2011-12 to 2015-16?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (DR. MAHESH SHARMA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The number of Foreign Tourist Arrivals (FTAs) in India during 2011-12, 2012-13, 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16 along with the growth registered over previous year are as below:

Year	FTAs (in million)	Growth rate (%)
2011-12	6.49	9.5
2012-13	6.66	2.6
2013-14	7.12	7.0
2014-15	7.76	8.9
2015-16 (P)	8.25	6.4

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Status of HDPB

†1961. SHRI AMAR SHANKAR SABLE: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of the Hospitality Development and Promotion Board (HDPB);

(b) by when Government plans to establish HDPB in each State;

(c) the names of the States where HDPB has been established and the details of progress made so far in this regard; and

(d) the State-wise details of the amount allocated by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (DR. MAHESH SHARMA): (a) Hospitality Development and Promotion Board (HDPB) was created in the Ministry of Tourism, Government of India *vide* Notification issued on 21.01.2011.

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