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Projects for Tourism in Assam

410. SHRIMATI SYEDAANWARA TAIMUR: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of tourism projects proposed to be undertaken this year in Assam;
- (b) whether any steps will be taken for improving the Kaji Ranga game sanctuary; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) Under the newly introduced schemes namely Integrated Development of Travel Circuit and Product Infrastructure and Destination Development, it is proposed to develop a travel circuit and a destination in the State of Assam during the current year 2004-2005 to promote tourism in the State.

(b) and (c) During 2002-2003, under the scheme of integrated development of North-East Circuit including Kaziranga Assam Government was sanctioned Rs. 242.00 Lakhs with the following components:

- (i) Brahmaputra River Front Development at Guwahati (Rs. 30.00 Lakhs)
- (ii) Development of Ethnic Village at Bhalukpunj, Tezpur (Rs. 45.00 Lakhs)
- (iii) Camping site at Kohra range Kaziranga (Rs. 142.00 Lakhs)
- (iv) Road Signages for Assam (Rs. 25.00 Lakhs)

During 2003>04, Rs. 158 lakhs was sanctioned for a project for Integrated Tourist Complex at Agartoli Range, Kaziranga.

Issue of Kisan Credit Cards in Manipur

*411. SHRI RISHANG KEISHING: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of Kisan Credit Cards issued to farmers in both hills and valley districts of Manipur;
- (b) whether Government are satisfied with the performance of