

**Financial Assistance for creating Tourist HUB**

1758. SHRI B.J. PANDA:

MISS MABEL REBELLO:

Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have drawn up an ambitious project to create great hub of culture, tourism and clean civil life in every State and UTs;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it would be a historical link-up of several sites from Haryana to Gujarat identified for excavation; and

(d) by when the entire venture is likely to be completed and whether any foreign assistance in the matter is proposed; if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Details are given in the enclosed Statement (*See below*).

(c) and (d) The 35 hubs identified by the Department of Tourism, include ongoing projects for excavation at Kurukshetra, Haryana and Dholavira, Gujarat and the development of hubs is an ongoing process.

The development project at Ajanta-Ellora received foreign assistance from the Japan Bank of International Cooperation (J.B.I.C.).

**Statement**  
*List of Tourism Hubs*

Sl. No.	State	Tourism Hubs
1	2	3
1.	Jammu and Kashmir	Leh, Leh Palace, Monasteries
2.	Himachal Pradesh	Bilaspur, Kullu Manali, Rohtang La, Keylong-Sarchu- Upsi Leh, Simla-Songlar- Kaza-Chatu Keylong-Sarchu- Leh
3.	Punjab	Amritsar
4.	Chandigarh	Chandigarh
5.	Haryana	Kurukshetra

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6.	Delhi	Red Fort
7.	Rajasthan	Kumbhalgarh-Chittaurgarh-Jaisalmer
8.	Gujarat	Dholavira
9.	Madhya Pradesh	Bhimbetka
10.	Chhattisgarh	Bastar & Eco-tourism projects
11.	Maharashtra	Ajanta-Ellora
12.	Goa	Beaches
13.	Dadra-Nagar Haveli	Dadar
14.	Daman and Diu	Daman
15.	Lakshadweep	Lakshadweep
16.	Karnataka	Hampi
17.	Kerala	Fort Cochin
18.	Uttaranchal	Rishikesh-Badrinath-Kedarnath-Gangotri
19.	Uttaranchal	Varanasi
20.	Bihar	Bodhi Gaya
21.	Sikkim	Monasteries in Sikkim
22.	Assam	Kamakhya and Majuli Islands
23.	Arunachal Pradesh	Tawang
24.	Nagaland	Kohima
25.	Manipur	Imphal and Loktak Lake
26.	Mizoram	Aizawl
27.	Tripura	Buddhist Sites (Pilak)
28.	Meghalaya	Shillong
29.	West Bengal	Sunderban
30.	Jharkhand	Palamu National Park
31.	Andaman Nicobar Island	Port Blair
32.	Orissa	Udaygiri-Khandagiri
33.	Andhra Pradesh	Nagarjuna Sagar
34.	Pondicherry	Arikamedu
35.	Tamil Nadu	Mahabalipuram