

Government of India has formulated Schemes for Integrated Development of Tourists Circuits and Product/Infrastructure and Destination Development in the States/UTs during the Tenth Five Year Plan. During the year 2002-03, 212 tourism projects amounting to Rs. 111 crores have been sanctioned for development and promotion of tourism in the country.

**Upgradation of Kaziranga and Manas
National Park in Assam**

2760. SHRI URKHAO GWRA BRAHMA: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of action plan for the development of tourism industry in Assam in tune with the current financial budget;

(b) whether Government have any collaborative projects with the Environment and Forest Ministry to upgrade the standard of Kaziranga and Manas National Park; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) to (c) Department of Tourism, Government of India has two major schemes namely Integrated Development of Tourist Circuits and Product, Infrastructure and Destination Development for promotion of Tourism. During the year 2002-2003 following projects have been sanctioned for Government of Assam:—

- (1) River Front Development along Brahmaputra
- (2) Development of Ethnic Village at Bhalukpong
- (3) Camping Site at Khora
- (4) Signages
- (5) Majuli Island Resort
- (6) Rural Tourism at Phumen Ingti
- (7) Rangoli Bihu Festival
- (8) Majuli Festival
- (9) Construction of facilities for pilgrims at Kamakhya