

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM

RAJYA SABHA
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ICONIC TOURIST SITES

1111. SHRI C.M. RAMESH:

Will the Minister of **TOURISM** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has identified iconic tourist sites in the country, the details thereof; and
- (b) the steps taken by Government to attract tourists to those sites and develop proper infrastructures in place and amount allocated and spent by Government on these sites, details thereof, State-wise?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)

(SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL)

(a) to (b): Ministry of Tourism has identified 17 sites in the country for development as Iconic Tourist Sites namely Taj Mahal & Fatehpur Sikri (Uttar Pradesh), Ajanta & Ellora (Maharashtra), Humayun's Tomb, Red Fort & Qutub Minar (Delhi), Colva (Goa), Amer Fort (Rajasthan), Somnath & Dholavira (Gujarat), Khajuraho (Madhya Pradesh), Hampi (Karnataka), Mahabalipuram (Tamil Nadu), Kaziranga (Assam), Kumarakom (Kerala) and Mahabodhi Temple (Bihar).

The Ministry shall be developing the above sites in a holistic manner with focus on issues concerning connectivity to the destination, better facilities/experience for the tourists at the site, skill development, involvement of local community, promotion & branding and by bringing private investment.

The Ministry has requested the Ministry of Finance for holding the Expenditure Finance Committee meeting for approving the scheme. Work on the development of sites will commence after completion of all procedures and formalities.
