GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM

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FUND ALLOCATION UNDER CHAMPION SECTOR

316.   SHRI K. J. ALPHONS:

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

(a)   the status of the proposal to fund ten tourism destinations, with funds to be allocated under Champion sector; and
(b)   when will work start on these projects?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
(SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL)

(a) and (b):   Recognizing the important role that services sector plays in driving India's growth, the 'Action Plan for Champion Sectors in Services' was accorded approval by the Union Cabinet on 28th February, 2018, whereby, it was decided to give focused attention on 12 services sectors. 'Tourism and Hospitality Services' was identified as one of the 12 Champion Services Sectors. Ministry of Tourism was identified as the nodal Ministry to finalize the sectoral scheme for 'Tourism and Hospitality Services' under Champion Services Sectors Scheme.

On 6th September, 2019, the Expenditure Finance Committee (EFC) accorded approval to the umbrella scheme, Champion Services Sectors Scheme, and sectoral schemes of six Nodal Ministries including Ministry of Tourism.

EFC has approved a total budget of Rs.535.40 Crore for implementing the following components of the tourism sectoral plan under the Champion Services Sectors Scheme:

- Creation of Tented Accommodation in Buddhist Circuit and Marketing & Promotion of these destinations and accommodations
- Extending Incentives for Improving Air Connectivity
- Capacity Building Programmes in & Around Iconic Sites [Language training of Tourist Facilitators]
- Incentives to Tour Operators in Emerging Markets
- Promotion of MICE Tourism

A budget outlay of Rs.123.00 Crore has been projected in the Budget Estimates of the Ministry of Tourism under the Champion Services Sectors Scheme for the financial year 2020-21 for implementing the identified tourism components.

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