

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM
RAJYA SABHA
QUESTION NO 19.11.2009
ANSWERED ON
TOURISM IN HIMACHAL PRADESH .

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Smt. Viplove Thakur

Will the Minister of COALCOALEXTERNAL AFFAIRS TOURISM be pleased to state :-

(a) the funds released to the State Government of Himachal Pradesh for development of tourism projects during the last two years;

(b) whether funds released to the State Government for development of tourism projects are not being fully utilized; and

(c) if so, the steps taken/being taken by Government in this regard?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM

(KUMARI SELJA)

(a): Ministry of Tourism has released Rs. 42.14 crore for 19 projects for promotion and development of Tourism during 2007-08 and 2008-09 to the State Government of Himachal Pradesh. This includes infrastructure projects, IT project, fairs, festival and events. An amount of Rs.11.27 crore has been released for Institutes of Hotel Management (IHM) at Shimla and Hamirpur and Food Craft Institute at Dharamshala and also under the scheme of Capacity Building of Service Providers.

(b) & (c): Implementation of Tourism projects is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments/UT Administrations. However, Ministry of Tourism monitors the progress of implementation through site visits and regular meetings with the State Government officials.