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Rs 4.5 cr Central aid for tourism development in Vidarbha region

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The Central Government has sanctioned Rs. 4.5 crores for developing ten tourism spots in Nagpur Revenue division and to boost the tourism industry in backward Vidarbha region. A blue-print for development of untapped tourism centres in Nagpur division was prepared and proposals for 32 such spots were submitted to the Central Government, out of which only 10 were selected for Central assistance, informed the Chief Secretary Arun Bongirwar. A separate website is being developed to provide every detail about the tourism spot in Vidarbha region.

The new policy for promotion of tourism in Vidarbha region is being developed on the lines of Hong Kong Tourism Policy and Karnataka Lodging Policy. The State Government has proposed a new tourism complex for MTDC, more incentives to private entrepreneur to tap the tourism potential of naturally rich region and develop en route tourism facilities on all major National Highways including one at Butibori, Nagpur city and Sakoli.

Bongirwar directed all the District Collectors to expedite the actual works and utilise the Central assistance for the development of tourism in Vidarbha region. One

tourist facilitation centre should be started at Nagpur by Maharashtra Tourism development Corporation (MTDC) so that every information about tourism spots spread all over the region could be accessed. The Chief Secretary offered necessary land to the MTDC for construction of such a centre immediately.

Addressing a meeting organised at Divisional Commissionerate on Wednesday morning for tourism development in Vidarbha, Bongirwar stressed the need for private participation for attracting tourists to areas like Pench National Park, Tadoba, Nagzira, Nawegaon Bandh, Bor dam, Sakoli Tourism Facilitation Centre, Butibori (motels), Khindsi, Nagpur Tourism Facilitation Centre and Khekranalala.

The officials informed that a separate website on tourism in Vidarbha region is under preparation.

The website would contain every minute information about tourist spots, available facilities and assistance offered by the MTDC and other agencies.

The meeting was attended by Principal Secretary, Finance Secretary, Ravibhushan Buddhiraja, Principal Secretary, Planning Department, Asoke Basak, Principal Secretary, Tourism Department M. K. Bandopadhyay, Managing Director of the MTDC Ashishkumar Singh, Divisional

Commissioner J. S. Saharia, Divisional Commissioner, Amravati Division, Sumit Mallick, all the District Collectors, Chief Executive Officers, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests Ravindra Sule, Additional Commissioner Dr. S. G. Kinkar, senior officials of the Forest, Public Works Department, Irrigation and other top officials of the region.

The meeting also discussed a separate place for MTDC at Nagpur, leasing out reservoirs and water bodies and land to private entrepreneurs for development of water tourism, tapping the eco-tourism considering the rich forest area in Vidarbha region and identification of new tourism projects in this region.

Private participation in development of tourism was also discussed in the meeting. Amrut Dhanwate, Chandrapal Chouksey, Pradyumna Sahasrabhojane, Nagpur Metro Tourism Club, VED and others made valuable suggestions.

Divisional Commissioner J. S. Saharia stated that District Level committee has been constituted for timely development of tourism spots in Nagpur Revenue Division.

Divisional Commissioner, Amravati Division, Sumit Mallick gave details about the development of tourist spots in forest-rich Melghat region.

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