

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM AND CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:370
ANSWERED ON:18.08.2003
NEW TOURISM POLICY
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Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the New Tourism Policy has proved ineffective to remove encroachments from various tourist places in the States;
- (b) if so, whether the said policy is not being followed by some State Governments in toto;
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (d) the areas encroached upon at various national tourist places, State-wise;
- (e) the guidelines issued by the Union Government to the State Governments for removal of encroachments; and
- (f) the steps taken by the State Governments to remove the encroachments?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN)

(a), (b), (c), (d), (e) and (f): A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION No 370 ANSWERED ON 18-8-2003 REGARDING NEW TOURISM POLICY

(a), (b), (c): The National Tourism Policy envisages conservation, preservation and integrated development of the area around the monuments and heritage sites which are a wealth of cultural tourism of the country. However, it has come to the notice of the Government that there are encroachments near important monuments and tourist destinations. The encroachments are due to lack of civic sense among the public and ineffective administrative control of the concerned State Government. The Ministry of Tourism and Culture in the past two years have been effectuating good governance and introducing elements of creativity and positivity in its working. A few examples of this phenomenon are Ajanta & Ellora, Red Fort, Kurukshetra and Humayun Tomb complex.

(d), (e) and (f): There is no list available of areas encroached upon at various national tourist places in different States. However, encroachments have been noticed during the course of visits/inspection at various places of tourist interest. The State Governments/UT Administrations have been advised to take up the matter with the concerned local agencies/authorities to remove such encroachments on priority basis. The encroachments around Ajanta & Ellora, Red Fort, Kurukshetra and Humayun Tomb complex have been removed with the help and cooperation of the State Governments/UT Administrations.