

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
DISINVESTMENT  
LOK SABHA**

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DISINVESTMENT OF HOTELS  
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**Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether process for disinvestment of the Samrat, the Ashok and the Janpath Hotels is going on;
- (b) whether the process of disinvestment of these hotels was stopped earlier after initiating the same;
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the reasons for starting the disinvestment process of these hotels once again?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF DISINVESTMENT (SHF SHOURIE)

(a) to (d) Advertisements inviting Expressions of Interest (Eols) for leasing out Ashok Hotel and Samrat Hotel, New Delhi were issued on 11.12.2000 and 8.2.2001 respectively. Financial bids for Ashok Hotel were invited in November 2001 and again in January 2002 but there was no compliant bid for this property. Financial bid for Samrat Hotel was not invited due to security related concerns. For Hotel Janpath, New Delhi, advertisement inviting Eols for sale of 100% Government shareholding was issued in February 2001; financial bids were invited in January 2002 but there was no bidder for this property. In March 2002, it was decided to exclude Ashok Hotel and Janpath Hotel, New Delhi from the disinvestment process pending formulation of fresh proposals by the Ministry of Tourism & Culture. It was also decided to issue re-advertisement for Hotel Samrat after addressing the security related concerns but the re-advertisement has not been issued due to non-resolution of certain issues. The Department of Tourism proposes to revive Ashok Hotel. As regards Hotel Janpath, the Department of Tourism had initially planned to utilise the hotel to establish Bharat Paryatan Bhawan to house the offices of Departments of Tourism and Culture. But, after analysis and examination, the Department of Tourism has shelved the proposal. No decision has been taken by the Government for re-starting the process of disinvestment of these three hotel properties.