

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:263

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RESTORATION OF LTC

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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the All India Leave Travel Concession/Home Town LTC to the Central Government employees have been suspended;
- (b) If so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Tourism Ministry have requested the Finance Ministry for restoration of the above LTC in order to restore domestic tourism which had been badly hit by September 11, 2001 events in USA;
- (d) if so, the response thereto;
- (e) the total amount saved in view of the above suspension of LTC to the Central Government Employees;
- (f) whether the Union Government have also received requests from Members of Parliament for the restoration of the above LTC to promote domestic tourism especially in the light of the drop in international tourists; and
- (g) if so, the decision of the Union Government thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL)

- (a) Yes, Sir;
- (b) The decision to keep the facility in abeyance for two years has been taken as part of management of non-plan expenditure.
- (c) & (d) The request from Ministry of Tourism is under consideration.
- (e) Savings estimated are around Rs.98 crores per annum taking into account the exemptions given.
- (f) & (g) The suggestions/requests of the Members of Parliament in this regard are under consideration of the Government.