

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2071
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BAN ON LTC
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Ministry of Tourism has requested the Centre to lift the ban on LTC in order to promote tourism;
- (b) if so, whether the Government have considered the request;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the time by which the Government will take decision on the matter?

Answer

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

(a) to (d) Yes, Sir. A letter was received from Secretary, Tourism requesting revocation of the ban on LTC to help the tourism trade. This was considered in this Ministry and it was decided to continue with the ban on LTC, in view of the need for economy in government expenditure.