

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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TOURIST TASK FORCE

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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is formulating an action plan to ensure safety of the foreign women tourists in view of the rising number of sexual attacks on them;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to constitute a tourist friendly special task force;
- (d) if so, the steps taken to implement the said scheme; and
- (e) the time by which such force will start functioning?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE(SMT. AMBIKA SONI)

(a) to (e): 'Public Order' and 'Police' are State subjects as per the Seventh Schedule of the Constitution of India. As such, the prevention of crime, including crimes against women tourists, is the primary responsibility of State Governments/Union Territories. However, Ministry of Tourism in consultation with Ministry of Home Affairs, Ministry of Defence and State Governments / Union Territories is in the process of framing guidelines for formation of a Tourist Security Organization comprising mainly of Ex - Servicemen for the safety and security of tourists.