

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
LOK SABHA**

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NATIONAL TOURISM ADVISORY COUNCIL
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has constituted National Tourism Advisory Council(NTAC);
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the number of its meetings held after its constitution and the issues discussed therein;
- (c) whether the meetings of the Council are being held regularly; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM(SHRI SULTAN AHMED)

(a) to (d): The National Tourism Advisory Council (NTAC) had been constituted by the Government in November 2002 under the chairpersonship of Minister in-charge of tourism to advise the Government on various tourism related issues. The NTAC was reconstituted in February 2005 and then in March 2008. The Council comprises officers of Government Ministries/ Departments, Presidents of industry and trade associations, and individual experts.

The NTAC has held seven meetings so far, with the last meeting on 15.12.2009. In these meetings, NTAC discussed various issues concerning the tourism sector in the country including promotion and publicity, safety and security of tourists, delay in issue of visas, tax incentives for the tourism sector, human resource development.