

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
LOK SABHA**

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COMMERICAL TOURISM ACTIVITIES
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the motorcar rallies and other commercial tourism activities are being held frequently in Himalayan ranges damaging fragile Himalayan environment throughout the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether sacred mountains are being desecrated by commercial tourism activities that litter the slopes with garbage and hasten the melting of glaciers;
- (d) if so, whether necessary approval from the Union Government is obtained for conducting such commercial activities in fragile Himalayan environment; and
- (e) if so, the details of approval obtained during each of the last three years and the current year, activity-wise?

Answer

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

(a) to (e): Development and Promotion of Tourism is primarily undertaken by the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations. However, Ministry of Tourism extends Central Financial Assistance (CFA) to the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations for tourism related projects on the basis of proposals received from the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations subject to availability of funds, inter- se priority and adherence to scheme guidelines. The Ministry of Tourism, lays emphasis on development & promotion of Tourism on a sustainable & responsible basis safeguarding the environmental interest as laid down in the National Tourism Policy 2002.