GOVERNMENT OF INDIA TOURISM LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:949 ANSWERED ON:30.07.2010 TOURISM PROJECTS Mahato Shri Narahari;Roy Shri Nripendra Nath

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has decided to tighten norms and cut off funding for various tourism projects in view of concern over the lack of spending by the State Governments on such projects;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has decided to set up a fresh monitoring mechanism;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken or being taken by the Government to ensure that the funds allocated are timely utilized?

Answer

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

(a) to (e): State Governments/Union Territory Administrations generally indicate the time required for completion of the projects in the proposals submitted by them which normally ranges from 12 to 36 months. Completion reports regarding sanctioned projects are also sent by them to Ministry of Tourism from time to time. State Governments/Union Territory Administrations are advised to complete the projects early.

Implementation and monitoring of projects is primarily the responsibility of concerned State Governments/Union Territory Administrations. However, Ministry of Tourism also monitors the progress of implementation through review meetings and site visits from time to time. This matter is also discussed in the Regional Conferences of Tourism Ministers.