

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
TOURISM  
LOK SABHA**

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HOSPITALITY DEVELOPMENT AND PROMOTION BOARD  
Das Shri Khagen

**Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has created a Hospitality Development and Promotion Board for developing tourism in the country; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith its constitution of functions assigned?

**Answer**

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

(a): Yes, Sir. The Union Government has approved the constitution of a 'Hospitality Development and Promotion Board' (HDPB) to facilitate the clearances required by hotel projects in a time bound manner and also provide policy advice for development of hospitality sector.

(b): The main functions of the HDPB are:

- (i) to fast track approval/clearances of hotel project proposals in a time bound manner;
- (ii) to review the hotel project policies and to coordinate with other concerned agencies such as the Administrative Ministries/Departments/Agencies for developing guidelines that are transparent and which encourage the growth of hotel/hospitality infrastructure in the country;
- (iii) to interact with Government, non-Governmental and Industry bodies to increase the hotel/hospitality infrastructure in the country.

The States/Union Territory Administrations have been advised to set up similar Boards if the same does not exist in their respective States/Union Territories.