

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
LOK SABHA**

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INFORMATION KIOSKS
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has received a proposal from the Government of Himachal Pradesh seeking Central assistance for setting up of information Kiosks, to provide online reservation facility for the hotels of Himachal Pradesh State Tourism Development Corporation and for revamp of its website;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which the said proposal is likely to be approved?

Answer

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

(a), (b) & (c): Ministry of Tourism has received proposals from Government of Himachal Pradesh seeking Central Financial Assistance for providing facilities for internet, information kiosk & online hotel reservation in Himachal Pradesh Tourism Development Corporation (HPTDC) and revamping of Website.

Development & promotion of tourism is primarily undertaken by the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations. However, the Ministry of Tourism, Government of India, provides Central Financial Assistance for Tourism Projects on the basis of proposals received from them under various schemes (including information technology scheme) subject to adherence of the scheme guidelines, availability of funds and inter-se- priority.

The proposal for revamping of website has been sanctioned with Central Financial Assistance of `15.00 lakh during the current financial year 2010-11.