GOVERNMENT OF INDIA TOURISM LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2578 ANSWERED ON:11.03.2011 FUNDING OF TOURISM PROJECTS Swamygowda Shri N Cheluvaraya Swamy

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Union 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 States; and
- (b) if so, the facts and details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM(SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAI)

(a) to (b): Development, Promotion, Implementation, and monitoring of tourism projects are primarily the responsibility of the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations. However, Ministry of Tourism provides central financial assistance to States/Union Territories based on proposals received from them which are complete in all respects as per the Scheme Guidelines, inter-se-priority and subject to availability of funds.

Ministry of Tourism, however, also continuously monitors the progress of the implementation of projects through review meetings and site visits from time to time. This issue is also discussed in the Regional Conferences of Tourism Ministers so that State Governments/Union Territory Administrations accord due priority to proper implementation of tourism projects.