

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
LOK SABHA**

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INDIA TOURISM OFFICE AT KHAJURAHO
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Indian Tourism Office is being shifted from world famous tourist place Khajuraho to Indore in Madhya Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the reasons for shifting this office;
- (c) whether it is likely to have adverse effect on tourism at world famous Khajuraho;
- (d) the role of Khajuraho tourist site in the Indian tourism; and
- (e) the time by which the Indian Tourism Office is likely to be shifted back to Khajuraho?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM(SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHA)

(a) to (e): The decision to shift the India Tourism office from Khajuraho was taken in the year 2009 and it has already been shifted to Indore. The decision was based on the changing role of India Tourism Offices and the fact that Khajuraho has already been developed as an International tourist destination and the need of hour is to develop other areas of the State of Madhya Pradesh.

Khajuraho is an important tourist destination with historical monuments including Khajuraho group of temples which is a World Heritage Site. The need of the tourists at Khajuraho is well attended by the Madhya Pradesh State Tourism Department alongwith chain of Hotels & Tour Operators and also from India Tourism Office at Indore.

At present, there is no proposal to shift back the office to Khajuraho.