

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
LOK SABHA**

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TOURIST POLICE STATIONS
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has set up tourist police stations exclusively to deal with the problems of foreign tourists;
- (b) if so, the details thereof during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise including Tamil Nadu;
- (c) whether there is proposal to set up more such police stations in various parts of the country so as to protect the visiting foreign tourists in the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the locations identified for setting up of the same; and
- (e) the time by which they are likely to be set up?

Answer

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

(a): 'Public Order' and 'Police' are State subjects as per the Seventh Schedule of the Constitution of India. As such, prevention of crime, including crime against tourists and setting up of tourist police stations is the primary responsibility of the State Governments/Union Territories.

(b): Ministry of Tourism does not compile any statistics related to crime against foreign tourists or setting up of specialized tourist police stations exclusively to deal with the problems of foreign tourists.

(c), (d) & (e): At present, there is no proposal in the Ministry of Tourism for setting up of tourist police stations to protect foreign tourists visiting the country.

However, in order to ensure safety and security of tourists, Ministry of Tourism has advised all the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations to deploy Tourist Police in the States/Union Territories. The State Governments of Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Goa, Kerala, Maharashtra, Himachal Pradesh, Rajasthan, Jammu & Kashmir, Uttar Pradesh, Delhi etc., have deployed Tourist Police, in one form or the other.

Further, Ministry of Tourism has also circulated guidelines for formation of Tourist Security Organization (s) comprising Ex-Servicemen, for the safety and security of tourists, to State Governments/Union Territory Administrations.