

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3901
ANSWERED ON:27.04.2012
PROMOTION OF TOURISM THROUGH NGOS
Vasava Shri Mansukhbhai D.

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to encourage Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) in order to boost tourism in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether financial assistance has been provided to any NGO under the promotional schemes of tourism run by the Union Government in the country especially in Narmada and Bharuch districts of Gujarat;
- (d) if so, the names of the schemes under which these NGOs have got financial assistance alongwith the NGO-wise amount of financial assistance provided during the last three years and the current year;
- (e) whether the Government has reviewed the work done by these NGOs in the field of tourism; and
- (f) if so, the details and outcome thereof?

Answer

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

(a) to (f): Under its Rural Tourism Scheme, Ministry of Tourism provides Central Financial Assistance (CFA) to State Governments/ Union Territory Administrations for development of tourism infrastructure and capacity building of local persons in rural areas having tourism potential. Sometimes, the concerned State Governments/Union Territory Administrations undertake capacity building activities like awareness building, gender sensitization, training in visitor handling, etc. through NGOs.

Ministry of Tourism has not provided any CFA to Government of Gujarat for undertaking any Rural Tourism project in Narmada or Bharuch districts of Gujarat.