

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
LOK SABHA**

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UPGRADATION OF SURAJKUND CRAFT MELA
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has decided to upgrade Surajkund Craft Mela as Surajkund International Craft Mela from the year 2013;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government for hosting similar melas in other parts of the country on regular basis?

Answer

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

(a) to (b): Yes, Madam. The State Government of Haryana has decided to upgrade Surajkund Mela as Surajkund International Crafts Mela from 2013. In addition to the Partner country, there will be greater participation from large number of countries from the year 2013 onward. Role of the participating countries will include creating country specific ambience at the designated areas in the Mela ground, bringing craftsmen and cultural troupes for showcasing art & craft of the country etc.

(c): Development, promotion and implementation of tourism projects including fairs and festivals is primarily undertaken by the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations. However, Ministry of Tourism provides Central Financial Assistance (CFA) for tourism projects which are prioritized in consultation with the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations. The projects which are complete as per scheme guidelines are sanctioned subject to availability of funds and inter-se priority.