

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
TOURISM  
LOK SABHA**

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NATIONAL TOURISM ADVISORY COUNCIL  
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**Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government had constituted National Tourism Advisory Council (NTAC);
- (b) if so, the details and composition thereof along with its functions;
- (c) the rules for holding of meeting along with the details of meetings held during the last three years and issues discussed therein;
- (d) the follow-up action taken thereon; and
- (e) the manner in which the council is likely to help in the development of tourism in the country?

**Answer**

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

(a) and (b): The National Tourism Advisory Council (NTAC) had been constituted by the Government in November 2002 under the Chairpersonship of Minister in-charge of tourism to advise the Government on various tourism related issues. The NTAC was reconstituted in February 2005, March 2008 and January 2011. The Council comprises officers of Government Ministries/Departments, Presidents of industry and trade associations, and individual experts in the field of Travel and Tourism Management.

(c) to (e): The NTAC can meet as often as necessary. It has held three meetings since January 2010, with the last meeting on 19.06.2012. In these meetings, NTAC discussed various issues concerning the tourism sector in the country including promotion and publicity, safety and security of tourists, delay in issue of visas, tax incentives for the tourism sector, human resource development. In its meetings, convened at periodical intervals, the members give their suggestions on which follow up action is taken by this Ministry.

The deliberations in the meetings of the NTAC help the Ministry of Tourism in refining its policies and programmes for development of tourism in the country.