

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
TOURISM  
LOK SABHA**

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HOTEL PROJECTS

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**Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:**

- (a) the existing norms/guidelines under which requests for hotel projects and their classification status are presently processed in the country;
- (b) whether there is any proposal to amend these norms to bring in more transparency in granting approval for hotel projects and classifying hotels in the country;
- (c) if so, the details and the current status thereof; and
- (d) the extent to which the process of scrutiny and finalisation is likely to expedite the clearance of such projects in the country?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (DR. K. CHIRANJEEVI)

(a): As per the existing Guidelines of the Ministry of Tourism for the Approval of Hotels at Project Stage and Classification/Re-classification in the Country, applications complete in all respects are considered for grant of approval/classification/reclassification. These guidelines are already posted on the official website of the Ministry of Tourism i.e. [www. tourism.gov.in](http://www.tourism.gov.in).

(b) to (d): In order to bring in transparency and accountability in granting approvals for hotel projects and providing classification/reclassification status to the functional hotels, the Ministry of Tourism has launched a Web Based System. With the help of this system, all applicants seeking hotel project approvals and hotel classification/reclassification will be able to track the progress of their cases online on a real time basis. The Ministry of Tourism endeavours to communicate the final decision within 90 days of the receipt of application complete in all respects for Hotel Project approvals, classification/reclassification.