

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
LOK SABHA**

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SUPPORT TO MAHAMAHAM FESTIVAL
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government of Tamil Nadu has requested to provide support or financial assistance for the forthcoming Mahamaham festival in the State and has also sent any proposal to the Union Government in this regard;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the reaction of the Union Government thereto?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): The development and promotion of tourism destinations and products including organization of various fairs/festivals/events are primarily the responsibilities of the respective State Government/Union Territory (UT) Administration. The Ministry of Tourism, however, provides Central Financial Assistance (CFA) for various tourism projects identified in consultation with them, subject to availability of funds, inter-se- priority and adherence to scheme guidelines.

No proposal for grant of CFA during the current financial year, i.e. 2013-14 for the Mahamaham festival has been prioritized or received in this Ministry.