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DEVELOPMENT OF TOURISM IN UTTARAKHAND
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to conduct any technical study regarding basic tourism amenities and expected number of tourists in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to conduct study on naturally rich and trauma-prone areas in the country including Uttarakhand;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the special package aimed for such States for the development and promotion of tourism?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

(a) and (b): Assessing basic tourism amenities and expected number of tourists is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments and Union Territory (UT) Administrations.

However, Ministry of Tourism had conducted a study for identification of Tourism circuits in different States/UTs except North Eastern States wherein the basic tourist amenities available and the gaps were identified.

In order to assess the number of domestic and foreign tourist visits to different States/UTs, Ministry of Tourism conducts State Tourism Survey for the States/UTs in phase manner. The State Tourism Survey was done for the State of Andhra Pradesh, Delhi, Jharkhand, Maharashtra and Punjab during 2009-2010. The State Tourism Survey was also done for the State of Chhattisgarh, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh and Sikkim during 2011-2012.

Ministry of Tourism also provides Central Financial Assistance (CFA) to States/UTs for conducting the surveys/studies on tourism related topics.

(c) and (d): Yes, Madam. Ministry of Tourism has received proposals in response to the Request for Proposal floated for selection of consultant for conducting the Study on Tourism Carrying Capacity of existing and potential destinations for planning for infrastructure development in Uttarakhand.

(e): The Ministry of Tourism has extended special financial assistance of Rs.100.00 crore each to the State Governments of Uttarakhand and Jammu & Kashmir for reconstruction/construction of tourism assets that were damaged/destroyed due to the severe natural disasters during 2013 and 2014, respectively and has also recommended an amount of Rs.100.00 crore for the State of Andhra Pradesh in respect of Hudhud cyclone that hit the State in 2014.