

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
LOK SABHA**

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LOSS TO TOURISM SECTOR
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any assessment of the estimated loss to tourism sector due to continued violent activities of the Naxalites and Maoist groups in the country;
- (b) if so, the details and the estimated loss thereof;
- (c) whether many tourist places/monuments/heritage sites are being affected due to Naxal activities; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken by the Government to protect such places from Naxal influence?

Answer

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

(a): No, Madam.

(b) to (d): Does not arise. However, in order to ensure the safety and security of foreign tourists, Ministry of Tourism had advised the State Governments/UT Administrations to set up Tourist Police at prominent tourist spots. As a result, the State Governments of Andhra Pradesh, Goa, Karnataka, Kerala, Maharashtra, Himachal Pradesh, Rajasthan, Jammu & Kashmir, Uttar Pradesh, Delhi, Punjab, Madhya Pradesh and Odisha have deployed Tourist Police, in one form or the other.