

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
LOK SABHA**

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FUNDS FOR GARBA MAHOTSAVA
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any plan to release funds for the famous Garba Mahotsava in Gujarat;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the time by which it is likely to be released?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): The development and promotion of various tourism destinations & products and conduct of various fairs/festivals/events is primarily the responsibility of the respective State Government/Union Territory (UT) Administration. The Ministry of Tourism, however, provides Central Financial Assistance (CFA) to various State Governments and Union Territory Administrations for tourism projects subjects to the conditions stipulated for release of funds including liquidation of Utilization Certificates (UCs).

The Ministry of Tourism has not received any proposal for Garba Mahotsava from the State Government of Gujarat during the current financial year 2015-16. Moreover, due to pendency of UCs against the funds released to the State earlier, further release of funds can not be considered.