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Cleanliness at Tourist Places
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has formulated any scheme to maintain cleanliness at tourist spots across the country;
(b) if so, the manner in which the Government is working for maintaining cleanliness at tourist places;
(c) the funds allocated and expenditure incurred in this regard during the last three years, State/UT-wise and year-wise;
(d) whether the Government has taken any action against the tourists responsible for making tourist places dirty; and
(e) if so, the number of complaints received so far and the action taken thereon along with remedial measures taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
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(a) and (b): Maintenance of cleanliness at tourist spots is primarily the responsibility of the State Government/UT Administration/concerned agency designated for maintenance of tourist spots.

However, with a vision to ensure an acceptable level of cleanliness at tourist destinations for maintaining cleanliness at tourist spots the Ministry of Tourism has taken following initiatives under Swachh Bharat Abhiyan:

i. Swachh Bharat - Swachh Smarak:

This is an initiative to see a cleaner India for protecting and preserving the sanctity of monuments of national heritage. To aid this, Ministry of Tourism launched a special e-poster with the Prime Minister's message requesting the tourists and the people of the nation to wholeheartedly engage themselves in the cleanliness of their surroundings and help create a Swachh Bharat - Swachh Smarak.

ii. Swachh Bharat - Swachh Pakwan (Hunar Zaika):

The street food vendors constitute a significant percentage of the hospitality service providers and have a pan India presence. This initiative is aimed at upgrading the skills and hygiene standards of Street Food Vendors, so that they become a distinctive aspect of the Indian tourism. The Ministry of Tourism has partnered with the National Association of Street Vendors of India (NASVI) for the specific purpose of orientation, skill testing and certification of the vendors.

iii. Swachh Bharat - Swachh Paryatan:

Ministry of Tourism has requested all States/UTs to assess the requirement of toilet facilities at all popular tourist sites, provide a list of existing non-functional toilets already constructed, frame specific project proposals for toilets under Central Financial Assistance (CFA), identify an agency for construction and maintenance and follow the standardized model on the lines of Build and Operate pattern for construction of wayside amenities.

Meetings have been held with representatives & founder of Sulabh International to discuss the pattern and modalities for construction of wayside amenities at tourist centres in the country.

Ministry of Tourism has requested all industry associations to motivate their members to install the 'Organic waste to Compost' Machines, which convert organic waste in to compost in just 24 hours in their premises.

Further, Ministry of Tourism has operationalized 2 new Plan Schemes of Swadesh Darshan and PRASAD from 2014 − 15. Under these schemes the Ministry provides CFA to States/UTs for Infrastructure development including wayside amenities, garbage bins, sewerage/effluent disposal, etc.

(c): Swachh Bharat Abhiyan is a voluntary campaign and no funds have been allocated by the Government for this campaign. However, the State wise amount sanctioned and amount released under the Plan Schemes of Swadesh Darshan and PRASAD are given in Annexure.

(d) and (e): There are no instances of complaints brought to the notice of this Ministry against tourists making tourist spots dirty. However, initiating action against tourists making the tourist places dirty is primarily the responsibility of the State Government/UT Administration/concerned agency designated for maintenance of tourist spots.

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