

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF TOURISM

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2542**  
ANSWERED ON 10.08.2023

**DAMAGE TO TOURIST PLACES DUE TO EXCESSIVE RAINS AND FLOODS**

2542 SHRI NARAIN DASS GUPTA:

Will the Minister of **TOURISM** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has noted that due to excessive rains and floods many tourist places have been heavily damaged, if so, whether Government is considering to set up a team of experts to assess the damage done by floods and landslides so far to tourist sites, if not, the reasons therefor;
- (b) whether Government is considering to issue any guidelines for identifying new tourist places in the country; and
- (c) whether Government will release funds to the States for re-development of tourist places which are damaged in the recent flood fury, if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM

(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

(a) to (c): The primary responsibility for disaster management, including disbursement of relief to the affected people including tourists on the ground level, rests with the State Governments concerned. The State Governments undertake relief measures in the wake of natural disasters including flood from the State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF), already placed at their disposal, in accordance with the Government of India's approved items and norms. Additional financial assistance is provided from the National Disaster Response Fund (NDRF), as per laid down procedure in case of disaster of 'severe nature', which includes an assessment based on the visit of an Inter-Ministerial Central Team (IMCT).

The identification, maintenance and operation of tourist places is primarily the responsibility of respective State/Union Territory Administration. The Ministry of Tourism does not maintain such data.

The Ministry of Tourism, under the schemes of Swadesh Darshan and "National Mission on Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation Drive" (PRASHAD) has taken up several projects for development of identified tourist places.

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