GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF FINANCE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3430

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Demand for infrastructure status to hospitality sector

3430 #. Shri Naresh Bansal: Shri Kesridevsinh Jhala:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the hospitality sector has long been demanding for infrastructure status so as to avail credit at a lower cost and to enhance reinvestment of profits within the industry; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by Ministry in this regard?

ANSWER MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PANKAJ CHAUDHARY)

(a) & (b): The following subsectors related to the hospitality sector are already included in the Harmonized Master List (HML) of Infrastructure:

- 1. Three-star or higher category classified hotels located outside cities with population of more than 1 million.
- 2. Ropeways and cable cars.
- 3. Exhibition-cum-Convention Centre.

Further, the Union Budget 2025-26 has announced that hotels situated within the top 50 tourist destinations in the country will also be included in the infrastructure HML.
