

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM

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PROMOTION OF TOURISM IN ENVIRONMENTALLY SENSITIVE AREAS

2219 SHRI P. P. SUNEER:

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

- (a) whether the Ministry offers any plan for redevelopment of tourist sites affected by natural disasters, and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Ministry has conducted any study of tourist places that are geologically sensitive or prone to natural disasters and the steps taken to promote tourism in an environmentally sustainable manner;
- (c) whether the Ministry, in coordination with the State Governments, regulates tourism in ecologically sensitive zones and if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and
- (d) the details of deaths or injuries caused to tourists due to natural disasters during the last five years?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM

(SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a) to (c): Development / re-development of tourist destinations, including sites affected by natural disasters and regulation of tourism in ecologically sensitive zones is undertaken by the respective State Government/Union Territory (UT) Administration.

The Ministry of Tourism through its central sector schemes of 'Swadesh Darshan', 'Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD)' and 'Assistance to Central Agencies for Tourism Infrastructure Development' extends financial assistance to the State Governments /UT Administrations for tourism infrastructure development in the country. The central financial assistance is being extended according to guidelines and based on proposals / detailed project reports received from the States and UT Governments.

The Swadesh Darshan Scheme of the Ministry has been revamped as Swadesh Darshan 2.0 with the objective to develop sustainable and responsible tourism destinations following a tourist & destination centric approach.

The Ministry of Tourism has not conducted any study of tourist places that are geologically sensitive or prone to natural disasters. However, environmental sustainability is a key pillar in the National Strategy for Sustainable Tourism formulated by the Ministry and circulated to States/ Union Territories.

(d): The Ministry of Tourism does not maintain details of deaths or injuries caused to tourists due to natural disasters.
