GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF TOURISM

LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.†*126 ANSWERED ON 05.03.2018

CLEANLINESS AT TOURIST SPOTS

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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) the code of conduct laid down by the Government to ensure cleanliness at tourist spots in Maharashtra;
- (b) the guidelines issued by the Government to prevent littering by the tourists;
- (c) whether the said instructions are being followed by the tourists;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to ensure that these instructions/guidelines are followed scrupulously?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
(SHRI K.J. ALPHONS)

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.*126 ANSWERED ON 05.03.2018 REGARDING CLEANLINESS AT TOURIST SPOTS.

(a) and (b): The Ministry of Tourism has framed its "Swachhta Action Plan" involving 3 different activities at 150 places in selected 15 states during 2017-18. The activities under SAP relate to creating cleanliness awareness among tourists, students, teachers, school/college staffs, stake-holders of tourist centers, pilgrimage centers, famous archaeological monuments etc.

The activities and their details are as follows:

Cleanliness Awareness Programme among tourists: Awareness on social and economic benefits of cleanliness are inculcated among tourists through this programme. Distribution of pamphlets, booklets, putting up of theme related banners and posters, organization of theme based Nukkad Natak, small quick quizzes/slogan writing competitions etc. are the part of the programme. Group meetings for awareness creation are also organized with the important stakeholders of tourist spots like auto rickshaw drivers, food vendors etc. 115 places were completed as on 17.02.2018.

Cleanliness Awareness Programme among School/College students: Lectures highlighting the importance of sanitation and cleanliness among schools/colleges are conducted in various schools/colleges for students, teachers, staffs etc. organization of theme based Nukkad Natak, running movie on cleanliness, small quick quizzes/ slogan writing competitions, drawing competition, etc. are the part of the programme. 107 places were completed as on 17.02.2018.

Cleanliness Awareness Programme among various tourism stakeholders: Seminars/conferences/workshops etc. for stake-

holders of tourist centers, pilgrimage centers. archaeological monuments, Temples, Forts, Churches, Mosques, Holy Tombs, Gurudwaras etc. are organized on the importance of cleanliness and sanitation by involving the Experts from the administration, industry, related fields. doctors. eminent personalities etc. 108 places were completed as on 17.02.2018.

The activities undertaken in Swachhta Action Plan in Maharashtra are given at Annexure.

In addition to above programs, Ministry of Tourism releases social awareness campaigns on Radio, TV, Digital, Outdoor Media to sensitize people regarding maintaining of cleanliness and hygiene at public places. Also prime importance has been given to include cleanliness related infrastructure components like wayside amenities, toilets, Solid Waste Management System including waste bins, septic tanks, soak pits, treatment plants, waste enclosures etc. under the two flagship schemes of MOT, Swadesh Darshan and PRASHAD.

Further, as per information received from the State Government of Maharashtra, the Maharashtra Tourism Development Corporation (MTDC) has also taken the following steps to ensure cleanliness at tourist spots in Maharashtra:-

- i. Issued a Pocket book to ensure cleanliness at tourist spots in Maharashtra.
- ii. Released 16 short films called "Greeny the Great" for ensuring cleanliness at tourist spots in Maharashtra.
- iii. Conducted workshop at tourist places in collaboration with Gram Panchayat, Nagar Palika, Panchayat Samiti, Jilha Parishad etc. for sustainable and responsible tourism under Swachha Bharat Abhiyan.

- iv. Organised Swachhata Pakhwadas time to time at tourist places to create awareness about the cleanliness with local Colleges/Schools.
- v. Installed PET Bottle flaking Machine at Elephanta.
- vi. Involved in implementation of Swachhata Action Plan to provide sanitation facilities to tourist.
- vii. Worked for Elephanta and Daulatabad Fort which have been identified as Adarsh Monuments by Ministry of Tourism.
- (c) to (e): Yes, Madam. As per the information received from the State Government of Maharashtra:
 - i. Tourists are encouraged to put all Garbage in Dry & Wet bins and Vendors have been advised not to use plastic now days.
 - ii. The tourists were involved in cleanliness campaign. For instance German tourists participated in Swachhta Pakhawada at Lonar Crater.

ANNEXURE

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) AND (b) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.*126 ANSWERED ON 05.03.2018 REGARDING CLEANLINESS AT TOURIST SPOTS.

Activity No. I – Cleanliness awareness among Tourist			
State	Place	Date of	
		Activity	
Maharashtra			
Mumbai	1. SidhiVinayak Temple	14.10.2017	
	2. Juhu Beach	28.10.2017	
	3. Dr.BhauDaji Lad Museum &Byculla Zoo	03.11.2017	
Pune	4. Aga Khan Palace and Daguruseth Ganesh Temple	14.12.2017	
	5. ShaniwarBada, Shaniwarpeth	16.12.2017	
Aurangabad	6. Ajanta Caves	24.12.2017	
	7. Ellora Caves	25.12.2017	
Shirdi	8. Sai baba Temple	27.12.2017	
Nagpur	9. Ganesh Tekdi	27.12.2017	
Nasik	10. Ram Kund, Panchvati	31.12.2017	
Activity No. students		hool/college	
Mumbai	1. National Kannad Edu. Trust School, Wadala	14.10.2017	
	2. GyanManddir School VidhyaniketenSikshaSansthan	03.11.2017	
	3. BMC Semi English - Urdu School Bazar	04.12.2017	
Pune	4. Beacon High School	15.12.2017	
	5. SunderdeviRathi High School,	15.12.2017	
Aurangabad	6. YeshwantraoChavan School, CIDCO	22.12.2017	
	7. Dr. BabasahebAmbedkarMarathwada University	23.12.2017	
Shirdi	8. Samanta International School Shirdi	27.12.2017	
Nagpur	9. Bhagwanti Chaudhary smritiVidhyalaya	28.12.2017	
Nasik	10. MatoshreeRadhabhaiShantarambapu School	30.12.2017	

Activity No. III - Cleanliness awareness among tourism Stakeholders		
Mumbai	1. SVIMS Wadala	14.10.2017
	2. Hotel Vihar	04.12.2017
	3. Hotel Turning point	03.12.2017
Pune	4. St. Laurn Business Hotel	14.12.2017
	5. Monar Q Hall, Royal orchid Golden suites	16.12.2017
Aurangabad	6. Hotel Bagga International	23.12.2017
	7. Dr. BabasahebAmbedkarMarathwada University	24.12.2017
Shirdi	8. St. Laurn Meditation & Spa	07.01.2018
Nagpur	9. Hotel hardeo	27.12.2017
Nasik	10. Hotel The Meuse Jupiter	30.12.2017
