

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA  
STARRED QUESTION NO. \*505**

**TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 03<sup>RD</sup> APRIL, 2018 /CHAITRA 13, 1940 (SAKA)**

**NO SELFIE ZONE**

**\*505. SHRI SANJAY HARIBHAU JADHAV:**

**Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether it is a fact that selfie has become a public safety issue now;**
- (b) whether the Government and Regulatory Body/Bodies have started educational camps to prevent deaths-by-selfies and if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether the Government has implemented “No Selfie Zone” at the Kumbh Mela at Nashik, Maharashtra over fears of stampedes; and**
- (d) if so, the details thereof?**

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS  
(SHRI HANSRAJ GANGARAM AHIR)**

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

**STATEMENT REFERRED IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. \*505 FOR 03.04.2018 REGARDING NO SELFIE ZONE.**

**(a) to (d): Accidents occurring in the process of taking selfies are reported from time to time. Provision of safety to tourists for various activities of tourism including safety-precautionary measures to prevent any un-toward incident including declaring of 'No Selfie Zones' at tourist sites are the primary responsibilities of concerned State Governments/UT Administrations. However, the Ministry of Tourism has advised all State Governments/Union Territory Administrations to take following measures to safeguard tourists who intend to take selfies at tourists sites/destinations:**

- (i) Identification of all such tourist spots which are prone to accidents.**
- (ii) Erection of signage warning visitors of the danger involved in taking selfies at such locations.**
- (iii) Posting of volunteers/tourist police at such identified places, if feasible.**
- (iv) Sensitization through Public Address system.**
- (v) Spreading awareness through social and other media campaigns.**
- (vi) Barricading areas, wherever possible danger is identified.**

**The State Government of Maharashtra has informed that they have taken measures to create awareness through signages indicating danger zones including selfie danger zones in the past.**