

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2556  
ANSWERED ON 12.03.2018**

**CULINARY PRACTICES OF TRIBALS**

**2556. SHRIMATI KOTHAPALLI GEETHA:**

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

- (a) whether cashing in on the growing fad for exotic tribal cuisines among foodies, quite a few food vendors have been making a quick buck selling bamboo chicken originally a traditional delicacy among some tribes, to tourists flocking to famous tourist spots dotting the tribal belt in the tribal/agency areas in Andhra Pradesh particularly Araku and if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) whether the traditional method of cooking chicken in bamboo stems, an age-old culinary practice among several tribes is fast gaining traction from the food vendors operating in the popular tourist destinations along with the Godavari river in the Agency areas in Andhra Pradesh also and if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether the sale of bamboo chicken, which hitherto was confined to popular tourist spots such as Kollur in V.R. Puram Mandam has spread to several other tribal plain areas in Telangana also and if so, the details thereof;**
- (d) whether the Government proposes to spread this culinary practice to other famous tourist spots in the country; and**
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government in this regard?**

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)**

**(SHRI K.J. ALPHONS)**

**(a): In terms of the Provisions of the Panchayats (Extension to the Scheduled Areas) Act, 1996, as per the information provided by the State Government of Andhra Pradesh, tribal only are allowed to do business in the notified Tribal Areas in the State of Andhra Pradesh.**

**(b): Yes, Madam. Cuisine of traditional bamboo chicken is gaining interest among the Tourist.**

**(c): No such information is available in the Ministry of Tourism.**

**(d) & (e): Government of Andhra Pradesh has informed that as part of promoting its local cuisine and foods, they are also promoting tribal cuisine especially bamboo Chicken during the fairs and festivals conducted by them.**

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