

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.†5060
ANSWERED ON 26.03.2018**

HOME STAYS

†5060. SHRI DEVJI M. PATEL:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is contemplating to provide financial assistance to 'Home Stay' which is the potential full aspect of the rural tourism by formulating a separate policy in this regard and if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) whether the Government proposes to develop an integrated website listing the proper facilities for 'Home Stay' in different parts of the country including Rajasthan so that the 'Home Stay' business could grow rapidly and if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether the Government and the local administration is considering to develop a 'Shilp Gram' between 40-50 villages and link it with 'Home Stay'; and**
- (d) if so, the details thereof and total number of 'Shilp Gram' proposed to be developed in the country, State/UT-wise?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)

(SHRI K.J. ALPHONS)

(a) & (b): The Ministry of Tourism has a voluntary scheme for approval of Incredible India Bed & Breakfast/Homestay Establishments wherein the basic idea is to provide a clean and affordable place for foreign and domestic tourists alike including an opportunity for foreign tourists to stay with an Indian family and enjoy the warm hospitality and get a taste of Indian Culture and Cuisine and a clean and affordable place. The Ministry of Tourism has been conducting sensitization workshops on promotion of Home stays/Incredible India Bed & Breakfast Establishments in all States

through its domestic offices to create awareness on the need and rationale behind promotion of Homestays. These scheme/guidelines are available on the website of Ministry of Tourism viz. www.tourism.gov.in.

Ministry of Tourism, Government of India lists 'Home Stays' approved by it on its website listing the 'Home Stays' in different parts of the country.

(c) & (d): No, Madam. However, under Swadesh Darshan Scheme, infrastructure is being created to showcase local products. Home Stays are coming up in such areas.
