GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF TOURISM

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.†3182 ANSWERED ON 20.03.2023

NATIONAL FAIR STATUS TO SHRAVANI MELA

†3182.SHRI GIRIDHARI YADAV:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Shravani Mela organized from Sultanganj of Bhagalpur district of Bihar to Deoghar of Jharkhand in a continuous stretch of 105 Kilometres is of international importance but desirable developments in the area are still awaited as it has not been given the status of National Fair;
- (b) if so, whether the Government proposes to give status of National Fair to Shravani Mela; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM

(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

(a) to (c): Declaring a Fair or Festival as 'National Festival/Fair' is not within the list of business allotted to the Ministry of Tourism. However, Ministry of Tourism provides Central Financial Assistance on receipt of proposals from the State Governments and UT Administrations for organising fairs & festivals and tourism related events in the country under the Scheme "Domestic Promotion and Publicity including Hospitality (DPPH)".

No proposal for Shravani Mela has been received in the Ministry of Tourism.
