

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4298
ANSWERED ON 27.03.2023**

TOURIST POLICE SCHEME

4298. SHRI PINAKI MISRA:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Tourist Police Scheme is being implemented across all States and Union Territories;**
- (b) if so, the number of tourist destinations covered under the scheme, State-wise;**
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor;**
- (d) whether any study has been undertaken to assess the performance of the scheme since the launch of its pilot in 2019; and**
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM

(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

(a) to (c): Safety and security of tourists is essentially a State Government subject; however, Ministry of Tourism is well aware of the security concern of the tourists and has taken all possible measures to provide a safe and secure atmosphere for the tourists. On the recommendations of Ministry of Tourism, the State Governments/UT Administrations of Andhra Pradesh, Delhi, Goa, Karnataka, Kerala, Maharashtra, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu and Kashmir, Madhya Pradesh, Odisha, Punjab, Rajasthan, Sikkim and Uttar Pradesh have deployed tourist police in one form or the other.

(d) and (e): No such study has been conducted to assess the performance of the scheme since the launch of its pilot in 2019. However, Ministry of Tourism through Indian Institute of Tourism and Travel Management (IITTM), which is an autonomous institute

of the Ministry of Tourism, got a study conducted in 2016, on functioning of the Tourist Police in States/UTs & Documentation of best practices.

Also, to develop a comprehensive framework, Bureau of Police Research and Development (BPR&D) has formulated a very comprehensive report and have also formulated a five days training programme for the Tourist Police of States/UTs. The report and training programme has also been shared with the Ministry of Home Affairs, Ministry of Tourism and all the States/UTs. Accordingly, Ministry of Tourism in collaboration with the Ministry of Home Affairs and BPR&D organized a National Conference on Tourist Police Scheme with the Director Generals (DGs)/Inspector Generals (IGs) of Police Department of all the States/UTs on 19.10.2022 in New Delhi.
