

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 123
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19.07.2021

FUNDS SPENT UNDER SEVA BHOJ YOJANA

123: **SHRI SUNIL BABURAO MENDHE:**

Will the MINISTER OF CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government provides any grant to the institutes under Seva Bhoj Yojana scheme;
- (b) if so, the funds utilized/spent/re-imbursed under the Seva Bhoj Yojana in the State of Maharashtra during the last two years;
- (c) the list of religious institutions empanelled and being run under the said scheme, State-wise; and
- (d) whether the Government allows Non-Governmental Organizations distributing food to reimburse their claim under the scheme and if so, the details thereof especially in the State of Maharashtra?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF CULTURE, TOURISM AND DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN
REGION
(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)**

- (a) Yes Sir, grant is provided under Seva Bhoj Yojana to charitable/religious institutions serving free food to at least 5000 persons in a calendar month.
- (b) No grant to any charitable/religious organization under Seva Bhoj Yojana has been provided in the State of Maharashtra during the last two years.
- (c) Under the Seva Bhoj Yojna, charitable /religious organizations are neither empanelled nor being run by the Government. Only those organizations which fulfill the eligibility criteria are reimbursed Central Goods and Services Tax (CGST) and Central Government's share of Integrated Goods and Services Tax (IGST) paid by them on purchase of specific raw food items for distributing free food to public. The state-wise list of charitable/religious institutions provided grant under Seva Bhoj Yojana since inception is **Annexed**.

- (d) Under the Scheme of 'Seva Bhoj Yojna', Charitable/Religious Institutions, which are generally Non-Governmental Organizations are reimbursed Central Goods and Services Tax (CGST) and Central Government's share of Integrated Goods and Services Tax (IGST) paid by them on purchase of specific raw food items for distributing free food to public.

No Non-Governmental organization has been provided grant under Seva Bhoj Yojna in the State of Maharashtra.

State-wise list of Charitable/Religious Institutions

1. Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams, Tirupati, Andhra Pradesh
2. Sri Venkateswara Annaprasadam Trust, Tirupati, Andhra Pradesh
3. Sikh Gurudwara Parbandhak Committee (SGPC), Punjab
4. Dreams & Beauty Charitable Trust, Ludhiana, Punjab
5. Durgiana Temple, Amritsar, Punjab