

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 216
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RECOVERY OF TOURIST DESTINATIONS FROM NATURAL DISASTERS

216. SHRIMATI SARMISTHA SETHI:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is considering to devise an action plan to make tourist destinations disaster resilient so as to minimize damage to tourist infrastructure in view of the floods and other natural disasters; and**
- (b) if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM

(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

(a) to (b): The Ministry of Tourism in its' revamped Swadesh Darshan scheme as Swadesh Darshan 2.0 (SD2.0) has given emphasis to develop sustainable and responsible destinations, following a tourist & destination centric approach. The Scheme envisages to encourage adoption of principles of sustainable tourism including environmental sustainability, socio-cultural sustainability and economic sustainability.

Under Standard Operating procedure (SOP) of PRASHAD (Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual Heritage Augmentation Drive) Scheme of the Ministry of Tourism, during evaluation of project proposals, States/ Union Territories concerned are advised to take care of structural requirements as per the Seismic Zones in which the project falls .

Further, National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) has informed that it has issued the Guidelines on Cold Wave, wherein a matrix clearly defines the roles and responsibilities on tourism to be undertaken by concerned Central Govt. agency, State Govt. and district administration.
