GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3488
ANSWERED ON 23.07.2019

CENTRAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO ODISHA

3488.   SHRI NARENDRA KUMAR SWAIN:

Will the Minister of **TOURISM** be pleased to state:

(a)   whether the Ministry is considering to accord Financial Assistance of ₹3.00 crore under Central Financial Assistance (CFA) for organisation of Konark Festival, Mukteswar Dance Festival, Rajarani Music Festival, Dhauli Kalinga Festival, Chilika Bird Festival, Khandagiri Udayagiri Festival in Odisha as requested by Tourism Department of Odisha to Central Government vide Letter No. 5905/TSM, dated 18th June, 2018; and

(b)   whether the Ministry is considering to sanction funds for development of Rural Circuit and Spiritual Circuit under Swadesh Darshan Scheme as requested by Government of Odisha to Central Government *vide* Letter No. 11178/ 24.10.2015 and *Vide* Letter No. 303/05.01.2016?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
(SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL)

(a): Ministry of Tourism provides financial assistance to State Governments/UTs for organizing fairs, festivals & tourism related events subject to the financial limits of ₹50.00 lakh to States and ₹30.00 lakh to UTs in a financial year as prescribed in the guidelines of the scheme. Therefore Central Financial Assistance of ₹3.00 crore for organising the festival as requested in the letter No.5905/TSM, dated 18th June, 2018 of Tourism Department, Government of Odisha is not admissible under the scope of the scheme guidelines.

Accordingly, the State Government was advised to send the revised proposal within the provisions of the Scheme guidelines.

(b):   The Ministry has sanctioned a project under the Coastal Circuit to Odisha under the Swadesh Darshan Scheme covering Gopalpur, Barkul, Satapada and Tampara with central financial assistance of ₹76.49 crore. No further project for development of Rural Circuit and Spiritual Circuit under Swadesh Darshan Scheme has been sanctioned to Odisha.

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