

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1095#
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TRAINING OF GUIDES AS PARYATAK MITRA

1095#. SMT. SEEMA DWIVEDI:

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

- (a) the number of officially registered guides for the show-round and to provide authentic information to Indian and International tourists visiting mythological sites located in Varanasi, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons there for;
- (b) if so, whether all the registered guides have been completely trained under any scheme for this purpose; and
- (c) if not, whether there is any plan of Government to train them as "Paryatak Mitra"?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF TOURISM

(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

(a) to (b): Ministry of Tourism issues licenses/certificates to Regional Level Tourist Guides (RLG)/Incredible India Tourist Guides (IITG) who are authorized to guide the tourists in the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) protected monuments. These licenses/certificates are issued after completion of the course of Regional Level Tourist Guides/Incredible India Tourist Guide conducted by Indian Institute of Tourism and Travel Management (IITTM), an autonomous institute under Ministry of Tourism. The list of such guides is maintained region-wise and as on date there are 2509 guides in the Northern region out of which 749 guides are from the State of Uttar Pradesh.

(c): No, Sir.
