

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM

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TOURIST POLICE SCHEME

1910 SHRI PRABHAKAR REDDY VEMIREDDY:

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

- (a) the aims and objectives of the proposed Tourist Police Scheme by the Ministry;
- (b) whether the Ministry has asked all States and UTs to set up Tourist Police, Tourist Police Stations and other infrastructure;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether it has come to the notice that the State Government of Andhra Pradesh has set up Tourism Police in the State;
- (e) the details of financial and other assistance that Government provides for creating Tourist Police and Tourist Police Stations; and
- (f) the details of States that have Tourist Police in the country and status of implementation of the same in that State(s)?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM

(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

(a) to (c) and (e): 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. In the past, Ministry of Tourism has taken up the matter with all the State Govts/Union Territory (UT) Administrations and has reiterated the aspect of providing a safe and secure environment to tourists. In case any such untoward incident occurs against a tourist, there should be a robust system of law & order to handle the situation and provide a satisfactory solution to the affected tourists.

Ministry of Tourism has recommended Ministry of Home Affairs and Bureau of Police Research & Development (BPR&D) to create a dedicated Tourist Police in each State Government/UT Administration.

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.

The objective of having dedicated Tourist Police is safety and security of tourists at the tourist spots and to ensure that no harassment is caused to the tourist by Touts and cheaters. Bureau of Police Research & Development (BPR&D) has informed that they have prepared a report on 'Tourist Police Scheme' with the following objectives:

- To suggest a replicable template for setting up of Tourist Police Wing in States/UTs. This template specifically deals with:
 - i. Preparation of Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) to be followed by the Tourist Police in State/UTs.
 - ii. Development of a training programme for 'Tourist Police'.
 - iii. Suggestion for the Uniform of Tourist Police.

To develop a comprehensive framework, Bureau of Police Research and Development (BPR&D) commissioned a study on Tourist Police Scheme and 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 program has also been shared with the Ministry of Home Affairs & Ministry of Tourism.

(d) and (f): With the efforts 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.
