

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1041
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TRIBAL HOMESTAYS UNDER SDS

1041.SHRI RAMASAHAYAM RAGHURAM REDDY:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the specific steps being taken under the Swadesh Darshan scheme to provide Rs.5 lakh to tribal villages for converting their homes into holiday homes and homestays;**
- (b) the manner in which the initiative to support tribal homestays aims to boost tourism and livelihood opportunities in tribal areas, particularly in Telangana State, and details thereof;**
- (c) whether any training programmes are planned by the Government to equip tribal communities in Telangana State with the necessary skills to manage homestays and cater to tourists; and**
- (d) if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a) to (d): Government has approved the initiative to develop tribal homestays under Swadesh Darshan scheme of the Ministry of Tourism as part of 'Pradhan Mantri Janjatiya Unnat Gram Abhiyan'. The said intervention includes development of 1000 homestays with support of upto ₹5 Lakh per unit (for new construction), upto ₹3 Lakhs (renovation) and ₹5 lakh for village community requirement.

The Ministry of Tourism has formulated draft guidelines for the said initiative and circulated to all concerned for consultation. As per the draft guidelines, the objective of the initiative is to develop homestays in tribal areas to promote responsible tourism and enhance livelihood opportunities for tribal communities. The draft guidelines also focus on technical upskilling and training of the Homestay owners.
