

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 13552
ANSWERED ON 11.08.2025**

IMPLEMENTATION OF HOME-STAY SCHEME

**13552. SHRI LUMBARAM CHOUDHARY:
SHRI ARUN GOVIL:**

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to launch Home-stay Scheme to enable the tourists to experience the local culture and lifestyle and to provide safe, clean and comfortable accommodation at affordable rates;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether the Government is aware of the Home-stay Scheme of Uttarakhand that is providing self employment to the local people; and**
- (d) whether the Government proposes to implement this scheme across the country, State/UT-wise particularly in Rajasthan including Mount Abu?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a) and (b): Yes. To ensure the quality of services and experience for different classes of both domestic and international tourists, Ministry of Tourism, under its voluntary scheme of Incredible India Homestay Establishments classifies fully operational rooms of homestay facilities in the country. Homestays are classified under two categories- Gold Category and Silver Category based on the extant Guidelines issued by the Ministry.

The Government also approved the Pradhan Mantri Janjatiya Unnat Gram Abhiyan for improving the socio-economic condition of tribal communities, and development of 1000 homestays is a part of the scheme. The States/UTs can avail assistance of a maximum of Rs.5 Crore for

implementing 5-10 homestays per village in a village cluster of 5-6 villages, subject to eligibility as per the Guidelines issued on 01.07.2025.

Additionally, the Government of India also announced collateral free institutional credit of Mudra Loans for Homestays in the Budget Announcement for 2025-26 to assist and encourage setting up of homestays across the country.

(c) and (d): Yes. As per the information provided by the Government of Uttarakhand, homestay facilities are actively encouraged in Uttarkhand through schemes like the Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grah Aawas Vikas Yojana and Aitithi Uttarakhand Grah Awas Yojana, which aim to promote local entrepreneurship. These schemes are specific for the State of Uttarkhand, however, other States/UTs are also implementing similar or equivalent schemes in their jurisdiction.

The State Government of Rajasthan implements registration and certification of homestays under the revised and simplified Paying Guest House (Homestay) Scheme 2021 in the State of Rajasthan including Mount Abu.
