

(b) if so, whether fabrication cost has come down through utilization of this indigenous technology; and

(c) as Chandrayaan-I could not complete its entire envisaged mission, whether adequate precautions have been taken to eliminate recurrence of such a phenomenon keeping in view that while Chandrayaan-I made moon observations from a distance but Chandrayaan-II would actually get there to probe further?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) The Chandrayaan-II is a joint Mission by India and Russia, to study the Moon.

The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) will make the orbiter module, a mini rover, and also launch the spacecraft using the Geosynchronous Satellite Launch Vehicle (GSLV). Towards these, ISRO will utilize the cost effective indigenous technology developed over the years. The Russian Space Agency (ROSCOSMOS) has the prime responsibility for providing the lander module.

(c) Yes Sir. Adequate precautions are being taken to eliminate the recurrence of the phenomena experienced by the Chandrayaan-I mission, and to ensure that the Chandrayaan-II would accomplish the envisaged objectives.

Tourism in North-Eastern States

†3363. SHRI ANIL MADHAV DAVE: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been an increase in the number of tourists in North-Eastern States during the last five years; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI SULTAN AHMED): (a) and (b) The details of Domestic Tourist Visits (DTVs) and Foreign Tourist Visits (FTVs), to the North - Eastern States during last five years are given below:-

(in thousands)

Year	DTVs	% Growth	FTVs	% Growth
1	2	3	4	5
2005	3518.67	3.64	36.87	-6.63
2006	4457.28	26.68	38.57	4.61

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

1	2	3	4	5
2007	4726.22	6.03	43.06	11.64
2008	5211.74	10.27	47.56	10.45
2009	5704.25	9.45	47.66	0.21

Mega tourist project at Nagarjuna Sagar Project

3364. SHRI M.V. MYSURA REDDY: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Nagarjuna Sagar Project is the highest rock structure in the world and largest man-made multipurpose project in Asia;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the State Government of Andhra Pradesh has requested help for making a mega tourist project with an estimated cost of Rs. 750 crore spread in 500 acres; and

(c) if so, the reasons for delay in extending help?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI SULTAN AHMED): (a) to (c) The State Government of Andhra Pradesh has informed that Nagarjuna Sagar Project is the highest rock structure in the world and the largest man-made multipurpose project in Asia.

Development, promotion and implementation of tourism projects are primarily undertaken by the State Governments/Union Territory (UT) Administrations. However, the Ministry of Tourism provides Central Financial Assistance (CFA) for tourism projects, identified in consultation with them, subject to availability of funds and *inter-se*-priority under various schemes of the Ministry.

The Ministry of Tourism has received no proposal from the State Government of Andhra Pradesh at an estimated cost of Rs. 750 crore spread across 500 acres for Central Financial Assistance (CFA) during the financial year 2010-2011 for development of mega tourism project at Nagarjuna Sagar.

Decline in foreign tourists

3365. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the statistics regarding decline and percentage thereof in the number of foreign tourist during 2007, 2008, 2009 and 2010 in the country, State-wise;

(b) the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken to improve and outcome thereof?