

Registered tour operators and guides in Aurangabad, Maharashtra

2289. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the number of registered tour guides and tour operators operating in and around Aurangabad of Maharashtra famous for Ajanta-Ellora caves and other places of tourism importance;

(b) whether unregistered and fake guides and operators are also active there and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action Government proposes to take against such guides and operators?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) There are 60 Regional Level Tourist Guides licensed by Ministry of Tourism operating in Aurangabad Region. There is no Government of India recognised tour operator located in Aurangabad. However, there are 61 Travel Agents, 35 Inbound Tour Operators, 15 Domestic Tour Operators and 17 Tourist Transport Operators recognised by the Ministry of Tourism in the State of Maharashtra.

(b) No specific complaint in this regard has been received in the Ministry of Tourism.

(c) Does not arise.

Amenities for Sammakka-Sarakka Jatara of Telangana

2290. SHRI GARIKAPATI MOHAN RAO: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that lakhs of pilgrims are visiting Sammakka-Sarakka Jatara in Warangal district of Telangana and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether there is any proposal with Government to take up the Jatara as a National Event; and

(c) the action taken by Government to provide better amenities and infrastructure facilities during the event?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) The number of visitors for the last three 'Sammakka- Sarakka Jatara' as reported by the State Government are as follows:

Year	No. of Visitors (approx.)
2010	80.00 lakhs
2012	100.00 lakhs
2014	110.00 lakhs

(b) and (c) The development and promotion of tourism destinations & products including tourism related fairs, festivals and events is primarily the responsibility of the respective State Government/Union Territory (UT) Administration. The Ministry of Tourism, however, provides Central Financial Assistance (CFA) to various State Governments & Union Territory Administrations for tourism projects including tourism related fairs, festivals and events prioritized in consultation with them for each financial year, subject to availability of funds, *inter-se* priority and adherence to scheme guidelines.

No proposal for grant of CFA for the “Samakka-Sarakka Jatara” in Warangal district of Telangana has been received from the State Government of Telangana for grant of CFA during the current financial year.

As per the information received from the State Government of Telangana, during the last Jatara held in 2014, various amenities including additional roads, stalls, temporary toilets, showers and bathrooms, bathing ghats, tourist information stalls etc. were provided by the State Government.

Tourism Circuit at Warangal in Telangana

2291. SHRI GARIKAPATI MOHAN RAO: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the tourism potential in Warangal district of Telangana;

(b) whether there is any action plan with Government to connect the Pakala Lake, Ramappa Temple, Warangal fort, thousand pillar temple as tourism circuit; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) to (c) The development and promotion of various tourism destinations & products is primarily the responsibility of the respective State Government/Union Territory (UT) Administration. The Ministry of Tourism, however, provides Central Financial Assistance (CFA) to various State Governments & Union