

**Development of tourism infrastructure**

\*117. SHRI RAVI PRAKASH VERMA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether for tourism development infrastructure development precede the completion of tourism facilities;

(b) if so, whether provision of the tourism infrastructure has become a public sector responsibility;

(c) if so, the steps taken by Government to involve the public sector in tourism development; and

(d) the role and responsibility of Government in development of tourism infrastructure?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (DR. MAHESH SHARMA): (a) Infrastructure development is an essential component for tourism development.

(b) Investment in tourism infrastructure requires involvement of both public and private sector.

(c) Most of the schemes implemented by the Ministry of Tourism provide for involvement of public sector in development of tourism in the country.

(d) Development and promotion of tourism is primarily the responsibility of the respective State Government/Union Territory (UT) Administration. The Ministry of Tourism (MOT) provides Central Financial Assistance (CFA) to various State Governments/Union Territory Administrations for various tourism projects, subject to availability of funds and adherence to the relevant scheme guidelines.

**New Foreign Trade Policy**

\*118. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has rolled out its new Foreign Trade Policy, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the steps being taken to include 'Make in India' and 'Digital India' programmes to ease the trade; and

(c) the details of incentives and subsidies being offered to indigenous traders to compete with foreign traders?