

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6072

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FOREIGN TOURS BY MINISTERS

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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Prime Minister has taken a serious view about the foreign tours undertaken by Ministers in various States and Ministers in his Cabinet;
- (b) if so, whether it is also a fact that the Prime Minister has forwarded a communication to all the Chief Secretaries of State Governments in this regard;
- (c) if so, the reaction of the State Governments thereto;
- (d) whether any final decision in this regard has been taken;and
- (e) if so, the details of the same?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Prime Minister's Office has sent a letter dated 19.2.2001 to all Chief Secretaries of State Governments and Secretaries to Central Ministries stressing the need to exercise strict restraint in the matter of foreign Ministerial visits and also to follow procedural guidelines laid down for such visits;

(c) No communication has so far been received in the Ministry of Finance from any State/UT Government in connection with above referred letter of PMO.

(d) & (e) Do not arise.