

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA**

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DESERT TRIANGLE SCHEME
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Ministry of Tourism forwarded duly recommended proposal 'Desert Triangle' Scheme for Kutch district for a loan assistance from Overseas Economic Cooperation Fund (OECF) of Japan;
- (b) whether the proposal could not be included in the list submitted to the Government of Japan for OECF loan package during 1997-98;
- (c) if so, the reasons therefore;
- (d) whether the same was included thereafter; and
- (e) if so, the loan sanctioned so far and the progress of work done so far?

Answer

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

(a,b,c,d & e): The Department of Tourism, Ministry of Tourism and Culture has not forwarded to the Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance, the proposal on 'Desert Triangle' Scheme for Kutch District for JBIC funding. However, a project proposal on 'Development of Tourism Infrastructure in Desert Triangle in Rajasthan' was received in the past and was posed for 95-96 loan package which was not considered by the Government of Japan for OECF assistance.