

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF TOURISM

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1114**  
ANSWERED ON 11.02.2020

**TRAINING FOR TOURIST GUIDES**

1114. SHRI A. VIJAYAKUMAR:

Will the Minister of **TOURISM** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is aware that there is huge shortage of certified tourist guides in the country;
- (b) if so, the number of certified tourist guides and the schemes to impart training to tourist guides, State-wise; and
- (c) whether Government will set up institutes to impart training for tourist guides in Tamil Nadu?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)

(SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL)

(a) to (c): The Ministry of Tourism has been issuing Regional Level Tourist Guide (RLG) licences under the delegated powers of the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains (AMASR) Act, 1958 and Rules 1959, as amended from time to time. A List of such guides, State/Union Territory Administration-wise, is given at **Annexure**. In addition; tourist guide licences are also issued by State Governments/UT Administrations.

With a view to addressing the shortage of tourist guides/ facilitators in the country, the Ministry of Tourism has launched the Incredible India Tourist Facilitator (IITF) Certification Programme, a Pan-India online learning program that is open to all and can be undertaken by anyone in the country. The Programme aims at creating a pool of trained professionals for facilitating the visit of tourists at destinations across the country. There is no proposal of setting up an institute to impart training for tourist guides in Tamil Nadu.

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**ANNEXURE**

**STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1114 ANSWERED ON 11.02.2020 REGARDING TRAINING FOR TOURIST GUIDES.**

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Name of States/UTs</b>	<b>No. of Guides</b>
1.	Andhra Pradesh & Telangana	15
2.	Assam	02
3.	Bihar	25
4.	Chattisgarh	02
5.	Delhi	738
6.	Goa	31
7.	Gujarat	22
8.	Haryana	35
9.	Himachal Pradesh	04
10.	Jammu & Kashmir	01
11.	Jharkhand	02
12.	Karnataka	34
13.	Kerala	86
14.	Madhya Pradesh	106
15.	Maharashtra	180
16.	Meghalaya	01
17.	Odisha	23
18.	Punjab	03
19.	Rajasthan	977
20.	Tamil Nadu & Puducherry	120
21.	Uttar Pradesh	749
22.	Uttarakhand	02
23.	West Bengal	69
<b>Total</b>		<b>3227</b>

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