

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.†123  
ANSWERED ON 03.02.2020**

**EXEMPTIONS TO ATTRACT FOREIGN TOURISTS**

**†123. SHRI SANJAY KAKA PATIL:**

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

- (a) the names of the countries which the Government has given any exemptions in the field of tourism so as to attract foreign tourists to India;**
- (b) the names of the countries included in this list;**
- (c) whether the Government has signed/proposes to sign any agreement with other countries to promote international tourism;**
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and**
- (e) whether there is possibility of organizing International Tourism conference by the Government for this purpose?**

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)  
(SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL)**

**(a) & (b): No, Sir. Does not arise.**

**(c) & (d): The signing of Agreement with various countries is an ongoing process and the Ministry of Tourism has signed Agreements/Memorandum of Understanding (MoUs)/Letters of Intent (LoIs)/Protocol in the field of tourism cooperation with other countries and multilateral fora, details of which is at Annexure.**

**(e): No, Sir. The Ministry of Tourism, however holds Joint Working Group (JWG) Meetings with countries. In addition, the Ministry of Tourism regularly organises International Buddhist Conclave, India Tourism Mart, International Tourism Mart, etc. by inviting dignitaries of foreign Governments, leading tour operators, travel agents, media representatives, opinion makers, etc. from overseas to boost foreign tourist arrivals to the country.**

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**ANNEXURE****STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (c) AND (d) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.†123 ANSWERED ON 03.02.2020 REGARDING EXEMPTIONS TO ATTRACT FOREIGN TOURISTS****Agreements / Memorandum of Understanding / Letter of Intent / Protocol signed with foreign countries by the Ministry of Tourism**

<b>Sl. No</b>	<b>Name of the country with whom Agreement /MoU/Lols /Protocols signed</b>	<b>MoU / Agreement /Lol, Protocol</b>	<b>Date of signature</b>
<b>1.</b>	<b>Iraq</b>	<b>Protocol</b>	<b>25.10.1986</b>
<b>2.</b>	<b>Portugal</b>	<b>Agreement</b>	<b>29.07.1991</b>
<b>3.</b>	<b>Syria</b>	<b>Agreement</b>	<b>08.10.1991</b>
<b>4.</b>	<b>Israel</b>	<b>Agreement</b>	<b>18.05.1993</b>
<b>5.</b>	<b>Singapore</b>	<b>Agreement</b>	<b>24.01.1994</b>
<b>6.</b>	<b>Russia</b>	<b>Agreement</b>	<b>30.06.1994</b>
<b>7.</b>	<b>Iran</b>	<b>MoU</b>	<b>18.04.1995</b>
<b>8.</b>	<b>Mexico</b>	<b>Agreement</b>	<b>28.03.1996</b>
<b>9.</b>	<b>Cyprus</b>	<b>Agreement</b>	<b>07.11.1996</b>
<b>10.</b>	<b>Greece</b>	<b>Agreement</b>	<b>13.01.1998</b>
<b>11.</b>	<b>Indonesia</b>	<b>MoU</b>	<b>08.02.2000</b>
<b>12.</b>	<b>Italy</b>	<b>Agreement</b>	<b>26.06.2000</b>
<b>13.</b>	<b>Sri Lanka</b>	<b>MoU</b>	<b>23.01.2004</b>
<b>14.</b>	<b>Brazil</b>	<b>Agreement</b>	<b>25.01.2004</b>
<b>15.</b>	<b>Serbia</b>	<b>MoU</b>	<b>02.11.2004</b>
<b>16.</b>	<b>IBSA Tripartite Agreement</b>	<b>Agreement</b>	<b>15.10.2008</b>
<b>17.</b>	<b>Poland</b>	<b>Agreement</b>	<b>25.04.2009</b>
<b>18.</b>	<b>Malaysia</b>	<b>MoU</b>	<b>27.10.2010</b>
<b>19.</b>	<b>ASEAN</b>	<b>MoU</b>	<b>12.01.2012</b>
<b>20.</b>	<b>Mauritius</b>	<b>MoU</b>	<b>12.03.2013</b>
<b>21.</b>	<b>Japan</b>	<b>Memorandum</b>	<b>22.01.2014</b>
<b>22.</b>	<b>Nepal</b>	<b>MoU</b>	<b>25.11.2014</b>
<b>23.</b>	<b>France</b>	<b>Lol</b>	<b>09.04.2015</b>

<b>24.</b>	<b>China</b>	<b>Agreement</b>	<b>15.05.2015</b>
<b>25.</b>	<b>Tanzania</b>	<b>MoU</b>	<b>19.06.2015</b>
<b>26.</b>	<b>Uzbekistan</b>	<b>Agreement</b>	<b>06.07.2015</b>
<b>27.</b>	<b>Turkmenistan</b>	<b>MoU</b>	<b>11.07.2015</b>
<b>28.</b>	<b>Egypt</b>	<b>MoU</b>	<b>24.08.2015</b>
<b>29.</b>	<b>U.A.E.</b>	<b>MoU</b>	<b>03.09.2015</b>
<b>30.</b>	<b>Cambodia</b>	<b>MoU</b>	<b>16.09.2015</b>
<b>31.</b>	<b>Maldives</b>	<b>MoU</b>	<b>10.04.2016</b>
<b>32.</b>	<b>Qatar</b>	<b>MoU</b>	<b>05.06.2016</b>
<b>33.</b>	<b>South Africa</b>	<b>MoU</b>	<b>08.07.2016</b>
<b>34.</b>	<b>Kyrgyzstan</b>	<b>MoU</b>	<b>20.12.2016</b>
<b>35.</b>	<b>Oman</b>	<b>MoU</b>	<b>11.02.2018</b>
<b>36.</b>	<b>Bulgaria</b>	<b>MoU</b>	<b>05.09.2018</b>
<b>37.</b>	<b>Malta</b>	<b>MoU</b>	<b>17.09.2018</b>
<b>38.</b>	<b>Romania</b>	<b>MoU</b>	<b>19.09.2018</b>
<b>39.</b>	<b>Colombia</b>	<b>MoU</b>	<b>04.10.2018</b>
<b>40.</b>	<b>Korea</b>	<b>MoU</b>	<b>05.11.2018</b>
<b>41.</b>	<b>Argentina</b>	<b>MoU</b>	<b>18.02.2019</b>
<b>42.</b>	<b>Saudi Arabia</b>	<b>MoU</b>	<b>20.02.2019</b>
<b>43.</b>	<b>Croatia</b>	<b>MoU</b>	<b>26.03.2019</b>
<b>44.</b>	<b>Paraguay</b>	<b>MoU</b>	<b>27.09.2019</b>
<b>45.</b>	<b>Philippines</b>	<b>MoU</b>	<b>18.10.2019</b>
<b>46.</b>	<b>Finland</b>	<b>MoU</b>	<b>21.11.2019</b>

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