

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM

RAJYA SABHA
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FINANCIAL RELIEF TO HOTEL AND TRAVEL INDUSTRIES

1013. SHRI M. SHANMUGAM:

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

- (a) whether the National Restaurant Association of India, travel and tourism associations and other associations made representations to the Government for providing financial relief to the industry to mitigate the fixed operating costs;
- (b) if so, the response of Government;
- (c) whether Government would consider deferment of all statutory dues at the Central and State level, moratorium on bank loans and general invocation of force majeure clause in view of the global pandemic; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)

(SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL)

(a): Yes, Sir. During several rounds of discussions and brainstorming sessions, the industry stakeholders have given representations regarding relief measures including financial relief to mitigate the fixed operating costs.

(b): Ministry of Tourism has examined their suggestions carefully and all such proposals have been taken up with the concerned Ministries and Departments of Government of India. Similarly, the relief measures falling under the domain of the States/ UTs is being taken up with them on regular basis, at the highest level.

(c) and (d): Some of the major relief measures announced by the various agencies and Ministries of Government of India till now, are as under:

- RBI has extended moratorium on term loans till 31st August 2020.
- The government has further announced Atmanirbhar Bharat Package vide which Rs.3 lakh crore collateral free automatic loan has been made available for MSMEs. The loan will have 4-year tenure and will have 12-month moratorium.
- The Government waived off PF contribution for three months for organizations with less than 100 pax and 90% employees having salary below Rs.15000. Under Atmanirbhar Bharat package, PF contribution of both employer and employee has been reduced to 10% each from existing 12% each for all establishments covered by EPFO for the next three months i.e. up to September 2020.
- Deferment of TCS upto October 2020.
- Return filing deferred for three months with no penal interest for companies upto Rs.5 Crore, rest @ 9% penal interest.
- The Central government has also given relief from various regulatory compliances under Income Tax Act, companies Act and GST Act for varying period in the wake of COVID-19 crisis to ensure business continuity and survival.
