

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.50
ANSWERED ON 14.09.2020**

LOSS OF REVENUE IN TOURISM SECTOR DUE TO COVID-19

**50. SHRI DUSHYANT SINGH:
SHRI UTTAM KUMAR REDDY NALAMADA:**

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) the contribution of tourism sector to GDP, jobs generated, tax revenue received from tourism sector in 2018-2019;**
- (b) the loss of revenue, loss of employment opportunities & tax revenue loss to the Government due to Covid-19 in tourism sector;**
- (c) whether the Government has plans for sector specific package for tourism industry along with the steps being taken to revive the industry during the Pandemic;**
- (d) whether the Government considers the impact due to Covid-19 on tourism sector to be at par with other sectors and if so, the details thereof;**
- (e) whether the Government will consider extending moratorium period and working capital at subsidized or lower interest rate for the tourism sector and the amount of loans disbursed in Tourism sector from the Rs.3 lakh crore collateral free automatic loans for MSME under Atmanirbhar Bharat; and**
- (f) whether the loan disbursed and support extended to the Tourism Sector is at par with the damages suffered by the industry?**

ANSWER

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

(a): As per the estimation in accordance with 3rd TSA on the basis of latest available NAS 2020, contribution of Tourism in GDP and

jobs in year 2018-19 is 5.00% and 12.95 % respectively. Further data on tax revenue received is not maintained by Ministry of tourism, Government of India.

(b): No formal study has been instituted for assessment of the impact on the Tourism sector, tax revenue loss and job losses. However, several rounds of discussions and brainstorming sessions with industry stakeholders indicate massive loss of revenue, foreign exchange and jobs. In view of the highly unorganized nature of the sector, the impact in numerical terms can only be ascertained in due course.

(c) &(d): The stimulus packages announced by the various agencies and ministries of Government of India are given in annexure I. Further steps which have been taken to overcome the crisis caused by Covid-19 pandemic in the tourism sector is given in Annexure II.

(e) & (f): All the prominent stakeholders have given representations regarding extension of moratorium and other provisions including information about the amount of loan disbursed to Tourism sector under Atmanirbhar Bharat Package which are being taken up with the concerned Ministries/ Departments of Government of India and the States/UTs on a regular basis.

**STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (C) & (D) OF THE LOK SABHA
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**Packages announced by the various agencies and ministries of
Government of India are given below:**

- **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 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.**

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The following steps have been taken by Ministry of Tourism to overcome the crisis caused by Covid-19 pandemic in the tourism sector:

- (i) Detailed operational guidelines for Covid safety and hygiene has been prepared in order to create awareness, training and assessment of compliance of the guidelines. The program is aimed at building the capacity of the Hospitality industry particularly small and medium units to restart and grow their business.**
- (ii) A robust information system / comprehensive data base of various accommodation units throughout the country has been created for coordinating and ensuring registration of all unclassified accommodation units.**
- (iii) Operational recommendations for hotels, restaurants, B&Bs/ Home stays and Tourism Service Providers have been formulated and issued on 08.06.2020 to facilitate smooth resumption of business.**
- (iv) Validity of approval or certifications of hotels and other accommodation units whose project approval / re-approval and classification / re-classification have expired / were likely to expire, has been extended upto 30th September, 2020.**
- (v) The Ministry, in collaboration with QCI, has developed an initiative called SAATHI (System for Assessment, Awareness & Training for Hospitality Industry), for effective implementation of Guidelines/SOPs issued with reference to COVID 19 and beyond for safe operations of Hotels, Restaurants, B&Bs and other units.**
