

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF TOURISM

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.320**  
ANSWERED ON 15.09.2020

**REVIVAL OF TOURISM SECTOR**

320. SHRI K.K. RAGESH:

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

- (a) whether any proposal for revival of tourism sector which suffered heavy losses due to COVID-19 pandemic is under consideration, if so, the details thereof; and
- (b) whether any special schemes for small scale operators in tourism sector is under consideration?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)

(SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL)

(a): All the proposals/suggestions from the stakeholders have been carefully examined and been taken up with the concerned Ministries of Government of India as well as the States/UTs on regular basis. In addition to that, the Ministry of Tourism has constituted a Task Force under the chairmanship of Hon'ble Minister for Tourism to meet the challenge posed by the outbreak of COVID-19 and make appropriate recommendations for the revival of the tourism sector in the country. The Task Force will include State Tourism Ministers, Joint Secretary level officers of the concerned Central Ministries and representatives from associations like FICCI, CII, ASSOCHAM, WTCII as well as heads of tourism and hospitality associations.

(b) Various agencies/Ministries of the Government of India have announced stimulus packages which are as under:

- RBI has extended moratorium on term loans till 31<sup>st</sup> August 2020.
- 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.

In addition to the above, the Central Government has announced Atmanirbhar Bharat package vide which Rs.3 lakh crore collateral free automatic loan has been made available for MSMEs. Under this package the definition of MSME was revised by which the differentiation between manufacturing and services sector MSMEs has been removed. This will benefit the tourism sector, as 70%-80% of the units in this sector fall under MSME.

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