

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF TOURISM

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**STARRED QUESTION NO.\*76**  
ANSWERED ON 09.02.2021

**COVID-19 IMPACT ON TRAVEL INDUSTRY**

\*76. SHRI B. LINGAIAH YADAV:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the travel industry is likely to take years to get back to pre-pandemic business level;
- (b) whether there is a need for greater collaboration between the industry and Government to bring the travel industry back on track;
- (c) whether Government propose to consider subsidising consumer holidays on the lines as seen in other countries like Thailand, Japan and Italy, if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the steps being taken by Government thereon and present status thereof?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the table of the House.

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**STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.\*76 ANSWERED ON 09.02.2021 REGARDING COVID-19 IMPACT ON TRAVEL INDUSTRY**

(a): Sir, the impact of Covid – 19 on the Travel Industry has been devastating but signs of improvement are visible in the domestic tourism segment in States/UTs like Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Goa and Andaman & Nicobar etc.

The vaccination process has also created a positive perception about traveling and the numbers are expected to help the industry attain revival and recovery. Since the situation is still evolving, the achievement of pre-pandemic business level will be ascertained in due course.

(b): Yes, Sir. The Ministry and its regional offices located in Delhi, Kolkata, Mumbai, Chennai and Guwahati are regularly communicating with the travel industry and other stakeholders on issues related to opening up of tourism sector, handling of tourists, protocols of safety and security, service standards etc.

(c) and (d): No, Sir. At present there is no proposal to subsidize consumer holidays.

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