

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.†1031  
ANSWERED ON 08.02.2021**

**MoU SIGNED WITH OTHER COUNTRIES TO PROMOTE TOURISM**

**†1031. SHRI RAVINDRA KUSHWAHA:**

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

- (a) whether the Government has signed any MOUs with other countries to promote tourism in the Country;**
- (b) if so, the Country-wise details thereof;**
- (c) whether the number of tourists from these countries have increased during the last two years; and**
- (d) if so, the details thereof?**

**ANSWER**

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

**(a) & (b): The signing of Agreements/Memorandum of Understanding (MoUs) with various countries is an ongoing process and the Ministry of Tourism has signed Agreements/MoUs in the field of tourism cooperation with other countries and multilateral fora. Details of MoUs / Agreements/Letter of Intent (LoI) signed with various countries for bilateral and multilateral cooperation in the field of tourism may be seen at Annexure-I.**

**The main objective of such Agreements/MoUs signed by the Ministry of Tourism is primarily to promote tourism between both sides. The important components of the Agreements / MoUs include the following:**

- i) Exchange of information and data related to tourism.**
- ii) Cooperation between tourism stakeholders including hotels & Tour operators.**

- iii) Exchange of visits of Tour Operators/Media/Opinion Makers for promotion of two way tourism.**
- iv) Exchange programmes for cooperation in Human Resource Development.**
- v) Investment in the Tourism and Hospitality sector.**
- vi) Exchange of experience in the areas of promotion, marketing, destination development and management.**
- vii) Participation in travel fairs/exhibitions in each other's country.**

**(c) & (d): The tourist arrival figures for the year 2018 and 2019 from the countries with whom the Ministry of Tourism has entered into Agreement/MoU may be seen at Annexure-II. The nationality-wise foreign tourist arrival during the year 2020 is not yet available.**

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**ANNEXURE-I****STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) AND (b) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. †1031 ANSWERED ON 08.02.2021 REGARDING MoU SIGNED WITH OTHER COUNTRIES TO PROMOTE TOURISM****Agreements / Memorandum of Understanding signed with foreign countries by the Ministry of Tourism**

<b>Sl. No</b>	<b>Name of the country with whom MoU/ Agreement/Protocol signed</b>	<b>MoU / Agreement / Lol</b>	<b>Date of signature</b>
1.	Iraq	Protocol	25.10.1986
2.	Portugal	Agreement	29.07.1991
3.	Syria	Agreement	08.10.1991
4.	Israel	Agreement	18.05.1993
5.	Singapore	Agreement	24.01.1994
6.	Russia	Agreement	30.06.1994
7.	Iran	MoU	18.04.1995
8.	Mexico	Agreement	28.03.1996
9.	Cyprus	Agreement	07.11.1996
10.	Greece	Agreement	13.01.1998
11.	Indonesia	MoU	08.02.2000
12.	Italy	Agreement	26.06.2000
13.	Sri Lanka	MoU	23.01.2004
14.	Brazil	Agreement	25.01.2004
15.	Serbia	MoU	02.11.2004
16.	IBSA Tripartite Agreement	Agreement	15.10.2008
17.	Poland	Agreement	25.04.2009
18.	ASEAN	MoU	12.01.2012
19.	Mauritius	MoU	12.03.2013
20.	Japan	Memorandum	22.01.2014
21.	Nepal	MoU	25.11.2014
22.	France	Lol	09.04.2015
23.	China	Agreement	15.05.2015
24.	Tanzania	MoU	19.06.2015
25.	Turkmenistan	MoU	11.07.2015
26.	Egypt	MoU	24.08.2015
27.	U.A.E.	MoU	03.09.2015

<b>28.</b>	<b>Cambodia</b>	<b>MoU</b>	<b>16.09.2015</b>
<b>29.</b>	<b>Maldives</b>	<b>MoU</b>	<b>10.04.2016</b>
<b>30.</b>	<b>Qatar</b>	<b>MoU</b>	<b>05.06.2016</b>
<b>31.</b>	<b>South Africa</b>	<b>MoU</b>	<b>08.07.2016</b>
<b>32.</b>	<b>Kyrgyzstan</b>	<b>MoU</b>	<b>20.12.2016</b>
<b>33.</b>	<b>Oman</b>	<b>MoU</b>	<b>11.02.2018</b>
<b>34.</b>	<b>Bulgaria</b>	<b>MoU</b>	<b>05.09.2018</b>
<b>35.</b>	<b>Malta</b>	<b>MoU</b>	<b>17.09.2018</b>
<b>36.</b>	<b>Romania</b>	<b>MoU</b>	<b>19.09.2018</b>
<b>37.</b>	<b>Colombia</b>	<b>MoU</b>	<b>04.10.2018</b>
<b>38.</b>	<b>Uzbekistan</b>	<b>Agreement</b>	<b>01.10.2018</b>
<b>39.</b>	<b>Korea</b>	<b>MOU</b>	<b>05.11.2018</b>
<b>40.</b>	<b>Argentina</b>	<b>MoU</b>	<b>18.02.2019</b>
<b>41.</b>	<b>Saudi Arabia</b>	<b>MoU</b>	<b>20.02.2019</b>
<b>42.</b>	<b>Croatia</b>	<b>MoU</b>	<b>26.03.2019</b>
<b>43.</b>	<b>Paraguay</b>	<b>MoU</b>	<b>27.09.2019</b>
<b>44.</b>	<b>Philippines</b>	<b>MoU</b>	<b>18.10.2019</b>
<b>45.</b>	<b>Finland</b>	<b>MoU</b>	<b>21.11.2019</b>

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**ANNEXURE-II****STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (c) AND (d) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.†1031 ANSWERED ON 08.02.2021 REGARDING MoU SIGNED WITH OTHER COUNTRIES TO PROMOTE TOURISM**

**Tourist arrival figures from the countries with whom Ministry of Tourism has signed Agreements/Memorandum of Understanding**

<b>Sl. No</b>	<b>Name of the country</b>	<b>Arrival in 2018</b>	<b>Arrival in 2019</b>	<b>Growth %age in 2019 over 2018</b>
1.	Iraq	68462	61907	-9.57
2.	Portugal	74492	74743	0.34
3.	Syria	5139	5627	9.50
4.	Israel	67366	73137	8.57
5.	Singapore *	183581	190089	3.55
6.	Russia	262309	251319	-4.19
7.	Iran	35596	33288	-6.48
8.	Mexico	19909	20766	4.30
9.	Cyprus	1940	2093	7.89
10.	Greece	10656	10317	-3.18
11.	Indonesia *	46867	50177	7.06
12.	Italy	126931	128572	1.29
13.	Sri Lanka	353684	330861	-6.45
14.	Brazil **	26579	25422	-4.35
15.	Serbia	4521	4885	8.05
16.	Poland	31555	33687	6.76
17.	ASEAN	886929	930339	4.89
18.	Mauritius	42096	46814	11.21
19.	Japan	236236	238903	1.13
20.	Nepal	174096	164040	-5.78
21.	France	261653	247238	-5.51
22.	China	281768	339442	20.47
23.	Tanzania	23443	23774	1.48
24.	Uzbekistan	21686	25339	16.84
25.	Turkmenistan	25038	17859	-28.67
26.	Egypt	20486	21538	5.14
27.	U.A.E.	59971	55415	-7.60
28.	Cambodia *	7507	6271	-16.46

<b>29.</b>	<b>Maldives</b>	<b>62337</b>	<b>78587</b>	<b>26.07</b>
<b>30.</b>	<b>Qatar</b>	<b>7353</b>	<b>6863</b>	<b>-6.66</b>
<b>31.</b>	<b>South Africa **</b>	<b>58613</b>	<b>57274</b>	<b>-2.28</b>
<b>32.</b>	<b>Kyrgyzstan</b>	<b>4056</b>	<b>4247</b>	<b>4.71</b>
<b>33.</b>	<b>Oman</b>	<b>95160</b>	<b>74564</b>	<b>-21.64</b>
<b>34.</b>	<b>Bulgaria</b>	<b>5824</b>	<b>5735</b>	<b>-1.53</b>
<b>35.</b>	<b>Malta</b>	<b>1596</b>	<b>1774</b>	<b>11.15</b>
<b>36.</b>	<b>Romania</b>	<b>12920</b>	<b>14064</b>	<b>8.85</b>
<b>37.</b>	<b>Colombia</b>	<b>7405</b>	<b>8396</b>	<b>13.38</b>
<b>38.</b>	<b>Korea</b>	<b>150536</b>	<b>149445</b>	<b>-0.72</b>
<b>39.</b>	<b>Argentina</b>	<b>16345</b>	<b>12844</b>	<b>-21.42</b>
<b>40.</b>	<b>Saudi Arabia</b>	<b>47546</b>	<b>48526</b>	<b>2.06</b>
<b>41.</b>	<b>Croatia</b>	<b>4059</b>	<b>3889</b>	<b>-4.19</b>
<b>42.</b>	<b>Paraguay</b>	<b>349</b>	<b>393</b>	<b>12.61</b>
<b>43.</b>	<b>Philippines *</b>	<b>53473</b>	<b>56393</b>	<b>5.46</b>
<b>44.</b>	<b>Finland</b>	<b>21239</b>	<b>18945</b>	<b>-10.80</b>

**\*These countries have been included in the ASEAN group of countries.**

**\*\* Brazil and South Africa is included in the IBSA group of countries.**

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