

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1077
ANSWERED ON 08.02.2021**

LOSS OF REVENUE TO TOURISM INDUSTRY DURING PANDEMIC

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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has taken note of the high revenue losses being suffered by the tourism sector in the country and if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) whether the Government has received any recommendations from the associations of tourism sector urging the Government to come to their rescue in this dithering situation;**
- (c) if so, the details of the concessions and exemptions sought for their survival and the steps being taken by the Government in this regard;**
- (d) whether the Government has any plan to boost tourism sector with protective measures and if so, the details thereof; and**
- (e) whether the Government has issued any notification in this regard and if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken by the Government to get tourism sector on progressive track?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)

(SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL)

(a): The Ministry of Tourism does not maintain data on revenue generated from tourism. However, the Ministry has engaged National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER) to conduct study on "India and the Coronavirus Pandemic: Economic Losses for Households Engaged in Tourism and Policies for Recovery".

(b) & (c): Yes, sir. The recommendations from the Associations of tourism sector for restoration of the sector is at Annexure-I.

(d) & (e): The Ministry of Tourism recognizes the importance of protective steps and relief measures to ensure the survival and revival of the industry. The steps taken in the direction of getting the tourism sector on progressive track are at Annexure-II.

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (b) & (c) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1077 ANSWERED ON 08.02.2021 REGARDING LOSS OF REVENUE TO TOURISM INDUSTRY DURING PANDEMIC

RECOMMENDATIONS BY ASSOCIATIONS FOR TOURISM SECTOR

The following recommendations were put forward by CII for the survival and revival of the tourism industry:

(I) Economic Package

- 1. Opening of Economic Activities**
- 2. Liquidity Enhancement**
- 3. Making loans more accessible**
- 4. TCS exemption under GST**
- 5. Stimulating Domestic Tourism in India**
- 6. E-visa**
- 7. Leave Travel Allowance (LTA)**
- 8. GST**
- 9. Creating barrier free environment**
- 10. COVID Passport for easing travel-test certificate acceptance**
- 11. Promote Cities as Tourism Hubs**
- 12. Develop an I am Incredible program for People in Tourism**

(II) Policy Support

- 1. Infrastructure Status**
- 2. Declare hotels capex above INR 25 Crs. Capex (excluding land) as Infrastructure.**
- 3. Creation of Empowered National Tourism Board with private sector involvement and Professionals on board to run various aspects.**
- 4. Marketing Campaign through PPP Model**
- 5. Formulation of Taskforce**
- 6. Building Customer Confidence**

(III) COVID TESTING PROTOCOLS FOR OPENING UP TRAVEL SAFELY

- 1. For International air Travel**
- 2. For Domestic Air Travel**
- 3. Inter-state Quarantine requirements.**
- 4. Hotel Accommodation**

ANNEXURE-II

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (d) & (e) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1077 ANSWERED ON 08.02.2021 REGARDING LOSS OF REVENUE TO TOURISM INDUSTRY DURING PANDEMIC

STEPS TO OVERCOME CRISIS CAUSED BY COVID- 19 PANDEMIC IN THE TOURISM SECTOR

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

- i. Detailed operational guidelines for Covid safety and hygiene 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.**
- ii. 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 April, 2021.**
- iii. The Ministry, 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.**
- iv. Operational Recommendations for safe resumption of business with easing of lockdown restrictions have been issued for various segments of the travel and hospitality industry and circulated amongst all stakeholders.**
- v. Recognition of Travel Agents, Tour Operators, Tourist Transport Operators by the Ministry of Tourism has been extended automatically by six months. Those who have submitted applications for recognition by the Ministry have been given provisional recognition for six months, pending completion of required procedures.**
- vi. In addition to the above steps taken by Ministry of Tourism, other agencies/Ministries of Government of India have declared stimulus packages like loan moratorium, waived off PF contribution, deferment of TCS up to October 2020, collateral free automatic loan under Atamnirbhar Bharat package etc. to revive the economy and industry including units of the hospitality industry.**
