

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 16
TO BE ANSWERED ON 29.11.2021**

“IMPACT OF US ADVISORY ON TOURISM SECTOR”

16. SHRI ANTO ANTONY :

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has noticed that the US Government has issued a level 3 travel advisory to its citizens especially women to not to travel to India;**
- (b) if so, the details and the reasons thereto;**
- (c) whether the Government has taken up the issue with the US Government;**
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;**
- (e) whether such advisory has an adverse impact on Indian tourism sector; and**
- (f) if so, the details and the steps taken by the Government in this regard?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF TOURISM

(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

(a) to (f): US Government has issued a level 2 travel advisory to its citizens advising to exercise increased caution.

The Ministry of Tourism, Government of India has taken the following steps for the safety and security of the tourists.

- The Ministry of Tourism has launched the 24x7 Toll Free Multi-Lingual Tourist Helpline (toll free number 1800111363 or on a short code 1363) in 12 Languages including 10 international.**
- Ministry of Tourism has advised all the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations to deploy Tourist Police in the States/Union Territories. The State Governments/UT**

Administrations of Andhra Pradesh, Goa, Karnataka, Kerala, Maharashtra, Himachal Pradesh, Rajasthan, Jammu & Kashmir, Uttar Pradesh, Delhi, Punjab, Madhya Pradesh and Odisha have deployed Tourist Police, in one form or the other.

Adoption of code of conduct by the Indian travel and tourism industry for Safe and Honourable Tourism, which contains a set of guidelines to encourage tourism activities to be undertaken with respect to basic rights like dignity, safety and freedom from exploitation of both tourists and local residents, in particular women and children.
