

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 621
ANSWERED ON 02.12.2021**

TRAINING FOR TOURIST GUIDES

621. SHRI PRAKESH SINHA:

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

- (a) whether there is any record available about total number of tourist guides registered with Government;
- (b) if not, whether Government plans to maintain such record;
- (c) whether any Government owned institution is there to prepare /train tourist guides to facilitate domestic and international tourists;
- (d) whether Government will prepare syllabus using expert committee to train tourist guides both linguistically and imparting knowledge of spiritual history as India is a land of linguistic and spiritual diversities; and
- (e) whether Government is aware of private institutions working in this field and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF TOURISM

(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. The total number of tourist guides registered with Ministry of Tourism is maintained.

(c): Indian Institute of Tourism & Travel Management (IITTM), an autonomous body under the Ministry of Tourism, Government of India is the nodal agency to train the tourist guides both for domestic and international tourists.

(d): The training of the tourist guide is imparted with a structured syllabus prepared with the help of experts. The syllabus also includes spiritual dimensions and linguistic diversities. Besides this training, IITTM imparts foreign language to tourist guides.

(e): No, Sir.
