

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM

RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO.250#
ANSWERED ON 23.03.2023

G20 RELATED TOURISM WORKING GROUP MEETING

250# SHRI RAMBHAI HARJIBHAI MOKARIYA:

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

- (a) the purpose of G20 related Tourism Working Group meeting;
- (b) whether this meeting was organized for the first time in the Rann of Kutch in Gujarat, if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether the issue of enhancing space tourism was also discussed in the said meeting of Tourism Working Group?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM

(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

(a) to (c): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.250# ANSWERED ON 23.03.2023 REGARDING G20 RELATED TOURISM WORKING GROUP MEETING

(a): The purpose of G20 Tourism Working Group meeting is to address various tourism related issues and to promote tourism. The priorities of Tourism Working Group under India's G20 Presidency are:

- **Green Tourism** – Greening of tourism sector for a sustainable, responsible and resilient tourism sector
- **Digitalization** – Harnessing the power of digitalization to promote competitiveness, inclusion and sustainability in tourism sector
- **Skills** – Empowering youth with skills for jobs and entrepreneurship in tourism sector
- **Tourism MSMEs** – Nurturing tourism MSMEs/Startups/private sector to unleash innovation and dynamism in tourism sector
- **Destination Management** – Rethinking the strategic management of destinations towards a holistic approach that delivers on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

(b): Yes, Sir. This meeting was organized for the first time from 07th – 09th February, 2023 at Rann of Kutch. The G20 Tourism Working Group was attended by 47 foreign delegates from G20 member countries, invitee countries and international organizations. Issue note of Tourism Working Group was discussed in detail and all interconnected five priorities i.e. green tourism, digitalization, skills, MSMEs and destination management were endorsed by G20 member countries, invitee countries and international organizations. They agreed that the G20 Tourism Working Group will draft a roadmap to include recommended policy actions and strategies for five key building blocks of green tourism, digitalization, skills, MSMEs and destination management to propel tourism sector for accelerating the achievement of SDGs 2030.

(c): No, Sir.
