

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5125
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether in a bid to promote tourism industry, a proposal for rationalisation of taxes relating to hotels and transport sector, including a uniform slab structure for all States has been mooted;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether tax structure at present varies from 15% to 20%;
- (d) if so, whether the tourism industry including hotels and travel agents have demanded for uniform taxes;
- (e) if so, whether he has called a meeting of all the State Tourism Ministers to discuss the issue; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI V. DHANANJAYA KUMAR)

- (a) & (b): Sir, the travel trade industry associations have represented to the Government for rationalisation of taxes relating to the hotels and transport sector.
- (c): Yes.
- (d): Yes.
- (e) & (f): A State Tourism Ministers' Conference was held in November, 1999, wherein, the issue was discussed.