

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM AND CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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PACKAGE FOR TOURISM INDUSTRY
RAMSHETH THAKUR

Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether tourism industry has incurred a loss of 20% of its revenue in comparison to the last three years;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government propose to announce any special package to boost tourism industry; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN)

(a): No, Sir.

(b): Does not arise.

(c) and (d): In order to give a boost to tourism industry, following concessions, among others, have been announced:

10% Expenditure Tax levied on hotels withdrawn from June 2003.

Extension granted to hotel industry for exemption of Service Tax where a substantial meal is served during conferences and banquets held in hotels. 40% of the profits derived by hotels, travel agents and tour operators in foreign exchange exempted from Income Tax.

Expenditure Tax waived off in respect of hotels located in hilly/rural areas and at pilgrimage places.

Export House Status accorded to the tourism industry.