

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
TOURISM  
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:208  
ANSWERED ON:09.03.2000  
EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN TOURISM SECTOR  
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**Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:**

- (a) the role of the Union Government with regard to the development of tourism in the country in addition to grant of funds to States;
- (b) whether the Union Government have formulated any scheme to create employment opportunities in the Tourism sector;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Union Government propose to give tourism full status of Industry; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR)

(a) to (e) : A Statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 208 TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.03.2000 REGARD EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN TOURISM SECTOR.

(a) : Government acts as a facilitator and coordinator in the development of tourism in addition to supplementing the efforts of the State/UT Governments by grant of financial assistance for strengthening tourist infrastructure and by undertaking intensive publicity and use of information technology.

(b) and (c) : Tourism Industry generates large scale employment opportunities, both direct and indirect, through multiplier effect by involving almost all the service sectors. Per million rupee investment in the tourism industry, at 1985-86 prices, generated 47.5 jobs, which is higher than other industries. Employment, both direct and indirect, generated by Tourism Industry during 1997-98 is estimated at 32.57 million persons accounting for about 2.4 percent of the total labour force of the country. All the schemes of Government like creating infrastructure, publicity, marketing and human resource development directly or indirectly contribute towards employment creation.

(d) and (e) : On the request of Ministry of Tourism most of the State/UT Administrations have declared Tourism as an Industry.