

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
LOK SABHA**

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SHORTFALL OF TRAINED MANPOWER IN TOURISM SECTOR
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any shortfall of trained manpower in the tourism sector;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government is planning to impart training to cooks, waiters, guides and drivers, etc. to enable them to start their own business;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the allocation of funds from the Finance Ministry has been ensured for this purpose and the nationalized banks have agreed to sanction loans at cheaper rates to those trained personnel; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof alongwith steps taken to publicize the plan and the time by which this would come into effect?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (KUMARI SELJA)

- (a) & (b): Yes, Sir. As per the estimation of the Ministry of Tourism, based on specific study of the year 2003-04, the yearly requirement of trained manpower of the hospitality industry is of about 2 lakh persons.
- (c), (d), (e) & (f): Yes, Sir. Considering the shortage of skilled manpower in hospitality sector, the Government has initiated a programme for skill development for youth in the age group of 18 to 25 years and eighth class pass. The programme will impart training in Food and Beverage Service and Food Production so that the trainees become employable. In addition, the Ministry of Tourism's Scheme of Capacity Building for Service Providers enables training of cooks, waiters, drivers and other service providers.