

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
LOK SABHA**

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QUALIFIED TRAINED GUIDES
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any dearth of good guides for tourists particularly foreign tourists visiting various parts of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to improve the number of qualified/trained guides in the country?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. The details of qualified/trained guides presently available region – wise are as follows:-

S.No.	Region	Number of qualified/trained guides presently available
1.	Northern Region	1173
2.	Western Region	365
3.	North Eastern Region	03
4.	Eastern Region	144
5.	Southern Region	229
	Total	1914

(c): The Regional level guides are issued license under Section 29 (a) of the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites & Remains Act, 1958 on the basis of market assessment.