

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
LOK SABHA**

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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the hospitality industry is looking for growth in view of increasing demand from the tourist; and

(b) the details of ability and capacity of the existing hospitality industry to meet the demand of tourist about pricing, locations, services and other needs of customers?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Foreign tourist arrivals to India had grown by 13.5%, 14.3% and 5.6% in the years 2006, 2007 and 2008 respectively. Growth in domestic tourist visits for the same years had been 18%, 13.9% and 6.9%. The Government of India on its part recognizes the need of skilled manpower to provide for various services and has initiated a programme for skill development for youth in the age group of 18-25 years who are at least 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.