

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
TOURISM  
LOK SABHA**

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TRAINED AND SKILLED GUIDES  
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**Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the tourism and hospitality sector faces shortage of number of trained and skilled guides;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has launched any scheme/awareness campaign to train guides in this sector;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Government also proposes to train personnel at the school level;
- (f) if so, the details thereof; and
- (g) the time by which the said proposal is likely to be implemented?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI SULTAN AHMED)

(a) to (d): The Ministry of Tourism makes every effort to meet the requirement of Regional Guides on the basis of market assessment by following a transparent procedure of examination, selection and training based on the Guidelines for the Regional Level Guides-2007. During the year 2009 – 10, 602 Regional Level Guides were trained by Indian Institute of Tourism & Travel Management (IITTM). Further, Ministry of Tourism, through IITTM has under taken the process of selection and training of Part Time Foreign Language Linguist Guides for the Northern Region.

(e) to (g): There is no proposal in the Ministry of Tourism to impart training to guides at School level. However, on 20th July 2010 a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has been signed between the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) and the National Council for Hotel Management & Catering Technology (NCHM&CT), an apex body under the Ministry of Tourism, which aims at imparting vocational courses in hospitality sector at plus two level.