

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
LOK SABHA**

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INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN THE TOURISM SECTOR
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has signed any agreement of international cooperation in the tourism sector;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the areas to be governed by the said agreement alongwith the impact of the said agreement on the promotion of tourism in the country;
- (c) the financial assistance taken/provided in this regard during each of the last 3 years and the current year, country-wise?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): Government of India has signed Bilateral Agreements/Memorandums of Understanding with 46 countries, a tripartite agreement between India, Brazil and South Africa (IBSA) and an agreement with International Finance Corporation for tourism cooperation interalia, aiming at destination development, management, promotion, marketing and capacity building.

However, a loan agreement for an amount equivalent to Japanese Yen 7,331 million was also signed with Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) in the year 2003 for Ajanta Ellora Conservation and Tourism Development Project - Phase II.