

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
LOK SABHA**

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EMPLOYMENT GENERATION IN TOURISM SECTOR
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is a vast potential of employment generation in tourism sector;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to utilize the full potential in this regard?

Answer

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

(a), (b) & (c): As per the estimation of 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. 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.