

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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JOBS OPPORTUNITIES IN TOURISM SECTOR

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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Tourism Ministry has set an ambitious target of creating 24.9 million jobs during the 12th Five Year Plan to increase the sector's growth from 9 per cent to 12 per cent;
- (b) if so, whether there is a proposal to create tourism as a poverty elimination sector to benefit the common man;
- (c) if so, the scheme formulated to create employment generation opportunities for low and semi-skilled workers; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Central Government to create convergence and synergy among the various stakeholders?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): In the Report of the Working Group on Tourism, set up by the Planning Commission, creation of 24.5 million additional employment (direct and indirect), in the Tourism Sector, by the end of 12th Plan has been recommended.

Tourism Sector provides significant opportunities for creation of jobs for low skilled and semi skilled persons.

The Ministry of Tourism (MoT) is running 2 specific programmes known as the 'Hunar se Rozgar' programme and 'Skill Testing & Certification' programme. The 'Hunar se Rozgar' programme aims at creation of employable skills among 8th Pass Youth of age up to 28 years. The 'Skill Testing & Certification' programme certifies the skills of existing service providers already employed in the hospitality sector.

(d): An Inter – Ministerial Coordination Committee has been constituted under the Chairmanship of the Principal Secretary to the Prime – Minister to facilitate resolution of Inter – Ministerial issues involved in the development of tourism in the country as well as issues raised by Industry Associations. Various members of this committee are: Member Secretary, Planning Commission; Chairman, Railway Board; Home Secretary; Defence Secretary; Foreign Secretary; Secretaries of the Ministries of Civil Aviation, Road Transport & Highways, Urban Development, Environment & Forests and Secretaries of the Departments of Revenue, Expenditure and School Education & Literacy. Secretary, Ministry of Tourism will be the Member – Convener of this Committee.