

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
LOK SABHA**

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CHALLENGES/ISSUES FACED BY TOURISM INDUSTRY

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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the various challenges/issues/problems being faced by the tourism industry;
- (b) whether the Government has constituted an Inter-Ministerial Coordination Committee to resolve the issues relating to tourism industry;
- (c) if so, the details thereof along with the progress made by the committee and success achieved thereby in resolving such issues; and
- (d) the measures taken by the Government for generation of additional employment during the Twelfth Five Year Plan to help in resolving issues relating to tourism industry?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (DR. K. CHIRANJEEVI)

(a) to (d): Development and promotion of various types of tourism are primarily the responsibility of the State Governments/Union Territory (UT) Administrations. The Ministry of Tourism (MOT), however, provides Central Financial Assistance to States/UTs for tourism projects, which are prioritized every year based on discussions with them, subject to availability of funds, inter-se priority and adherence to the scheme guidelines.

However, 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.

During the 12th Five Year Plan, MOT have a target to create additional employment of about 2.5 crore in the tourism sector both direct and indirect.