

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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CONTRIBUTION OF TOURISM SECTOR
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the tourism sector contributes in the economic growth of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof indicating the contribution made by the tourism sector in the economic growth of the country particularly in States of Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh and Jharkhand during each of the last three years and the current year;
- (c) the steps being taken by the Government to ensure that local communities are benefited from development of tourism in the country;
- (d) whether the Government engages the private sector in the development of infrastructure in various tourist centres in the country under the Public Private Partnership (PPP) model; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof indicating the tourism projects being implemented in the country, particularly in Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh and Jharkhand under the PPP model alongwith the expenditure involved therein, State/UT-wise?

Answer

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

(a) and (b) Yes, Madam. As per the second Tourism Satellite Account (TSA) for India, during 2009–10, the contribution of tourism to total Gross Domestic Product (GDP) was 6.8 per cent (direct and indirect).

Regional TSA has been prepared on pilot basis only for the States of Madhya Pradesh and Kerala.

As per the Regional TSA for the State of Madhya Pradesh, during 2009–10, the Tourism Direct Gross Value Added (TDGVA) was 6.54 per cent (direct and indirect) of the Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP).

(c) The Ministry of Tourism encourages the practice of Eco-Tourism, Responsible and Rural Tourism. All these tourism models stress on involving the local communities, reduce conflict between resource use for tourism and livelihood of local inhabitants and are compatible to socio-cultural characteristics of the local community. A total of 186 rural tourism projects in 29 States/Union Territories have been sanctioned upto 31st December 2012.

(d) The Ministry of Tourism has a scheme of Assistance for Large Revenue Generating (LRG) Projects for development of tourism infrastructure, in order to bring in private sector, corporate and institutional resources as well as techno-managerial efficiency. The projects admissible under this scheme should be of tourist's attraction or used by tourists to generate revenue through levy of fee or user charges on the visitors.

Some of the important items which are covered under this scheme are: Tourist trains, Cruise vessels, Cruise Terminals, Convention Centres, Golf Courses, Health and Rejuvenation facilities and last mile connectivity to tourist destinations, etc.

(e) The projects sanctioned during 11th Five Year Plan under the LRG Scheme are given in annexure