

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
LOK SABHA**

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REGIONAL TOURISM OFFICES
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of Overseas India Tourism Offices located in various countries, location-wise and their functions thereof;
- (b) the expenditure incurred on the maintenance of these offices during 2012-13, country-wise;
- (c) whether the Government has any proposal to set up more such offices in various countries;
- (d) if so, the details and locations thereof and the time by which these are likely to be set up; and
- (e) the extent to which such offices help in promotion and development of tourism in the country?

Answer

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

(a), (b) & (e): There are 14 overseas India Tourism Offices located in thirteen countries under the Ministry of Tourism for undertaking activities to promote Indian tourism destination & products and showcasing India's tourism potential in overseas markets in order to boost inbound tourism to the country. The details of these overseas offices and the expenditure incurred on their maintenance during the 2012-13 are given in the annexure. The efforts of the overseas offices have contributed towards increase in the Foreign Tourist Arrivals and Foreign Exchange Earnings from Tourism in the country.

(c) & (d): There is no proposal to set up more India Tourism Offices abroad at present.