

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
LOK SABHA**

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INDIA JAPAN COOPERATION IN TOURISM DEVELOPMENT
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether India and Japan propose to cooperate with each other for development of tourism in both countries and any meeting with Senior Vice Minister of Tourism of Japan has been held recently in this regard;
- (b) if so, the details of discussions held and decisions arrived at;
- (c) whether Japan has shown keen interest for investment in hospitality sector in India and any Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has been signed in this regard;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the detailed plan chalked out by the Government to attract more investment from Japan in hospitality sector and by India in Japan on reciprocal basis?

Answer

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

- (a) and (b) Yes, Madam. A meeting was held between Dr. K. Chiranjeevi, Union Minister of State for Tourism (Independent Charge) and Mr. Hiroshi Kajiyama, Senior Vice Minister of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism, Government of Japan in Delhi on 12th February 2013. During this meeting both the Ministers discussed various issues relating to bilateral cooperation in the field of tourism inter alia, increasing air connectivity, signing of Memorandum of Understanding for tourism cooperation, easy visa facilities for tourists, cooperation in the field of human resource development etc.
- (c) No, Madam.
- (d) Does not arise.
- (e) The Japanese delegation was informed that Foreign Direct Investment up to 100% under the automatic route is permitted in 'Hotels & Tourism sector', subject to applicable laws /regulations, security and other conditionalities.