

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:298
ANSWERED ON:30.08.2013
BILATERAL AGREEMENTS WITH COUNTRIES TO PROMOTE TOURISM
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has signed Bilateral Agreements/Memoranda of Understanding with foreign countries to promote tourism in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof indicating the names of the countries with which agreements have been signed in this regard during the last three years and the current year;
- (c) whether the Government also proposes to sign agreements with countries for mutual co- operation to promote tourism by the year 2020; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the progress made in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 298 ANSWERED ON 30.08.2013 REGARDING BILATERAL AGREEMENTS WITH COUNTRIES TO PROMOTE TOURISM.

(a) and (b): The Ministry of Tourism, Government of India has signed Bilateral Agreements/Memoranda of Understanding (MoU) with 47 countries, a tripartite agreement between India, Brazil and South Africa (IBSA) and a multilateral agreement between India and Member States of Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN) for tourism cooperation, interalia, aiming at destination development, management, promotion, marketing and capacity building. During the last three years and the current year the Ministry of Tourism has signed the following Agreements/ MoUs:

Malaysia (MOU) 27.10.2010
ASEAN (MOU) 12.01.2012
Mauritius (MOU) 21.03.2013

(c) and (d): Signing of Agreements/ MoUs on cooperation in the field of tourism is an ongoing process. The Ministry regularly takes up the issue of signing of Agreements and MoU's with the important source markets to enhance mutual cooperation in the field of Tourism.