

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
LOK SABHA**

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CONSTRAINTS IN TOURISM SECTOR
Singh Shri Ravneet

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the 12th Five Year Plan is poised to address the issues relating to capacity constraints and inadequate policies on Tourism in the country vis-a-vis Punjab;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the manner in which it is likely to be done?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): Yes, Madam. During 12th Five Year Plan, Ministry of Tourism

(MOT) is poised to address the various issues related with development and promotion of tourism in the country including Punjab, in consultation with the concerned State Governments/Union Territory Administrations and Tourism Industry Stakeholders. During the 12th Five Year Plan, MOT has a target to increase India's share of International Tourist Arrivals to at least 1% from the existing 0.64% and to create additional employment of about 2.5 crore in the tourism sector both direct and indirect.

The Ministry of Tourism (MOT) provides Central Financial Assistance (CFA) to various State Governments/Union Territory Administrations for various tourism projects prioritized every year in consultation with them subject to availability of funds, inter-se priority and adherence to the scheme guidelines. Further to resolve Inter-Ministerial issues involved in the development of tourism in the country an Inter-Ministerial Coordination Committee (IMCCTS) has been constituted under the Chairmanship of the Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister.