

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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INCREASE IN TOURISM DURING COMMONWEALTH GAMES
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry (ASSOCHAM) in India has predicted that Delhi Commonwealth Games would attract 10 million international tourists and also generate 5 lakh jobs;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI SULTAN AHMED)

(a) and (b): In a Forecast Paper on 'Aftermath of Commonwealth Games 2010 (CWG)' brought out by Associated chambers of Commerce and Industry (ASSOCHAM), it has been projected that the Commonwealth Games alone will generate additional employment opportunities for over 5 lakh workforce. The paper also estimates that in 2010 over 10 million international foreign tourists will visit India.

(c): Ministry of Tourism is actively involved in Monitoring the creation of additional accommodation during the CWG 2010. A Task Force constituted for this purpose monitors the additional new hotel accommodation coming up in NCR Delhi by holding regular meetings with all concerned land owning authorities, Ministries/ Departments. Other steps taken by Ministry of Tourism in connection with CWG 2010 include the following:-

Providing volunteers, trained in tourism sector, for the games under its 'Earn While You Learn' scheme.

Training of taxi/coach and auto rickshaw drivers with an objective of making them more tourist friendly.

Training of owners and service staff of the approved guests house in Delhi so that there is quality improvement in the services being provided.