GOVERNMENT OF INDIA TOURISM LOK SABHA

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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether several ITDC hotels are running in huge losses for the last three years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, hotel-wise and year-wise and the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to streamline the economic condition of such hotels?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

(a) & (b): The India Tourism Development Corporation (ITDC) Ltd. runs fifteen hotels in the country. Some of these hotels are running in losses. The hotel-wise and year-wise details of these are given in Annexure.

The reasons for losses in hotels are as under:

- 1. Spurt in availability of overall room supply position as compared to demand.
- 2. High wage cost.
- 3. Weakening of global economy has contributed to a room supply vs demand 'mismatch'.
- 4. Reducing average room recovery due to high competition.
- (c): ITDC has already initiated the steps to boost the profitability by taking following measures:
- # Investment in Human Resource Development and brand management.
- # Establishing Customer Relationship Management System (CRM) to enhance the customer focus.
- # Aggressive marketing in India as well as abroad through participation in major Travel Marts and organizing Food Festivals.
- # Carrying out renovation/refurbishment works in ITDC hotels.
- # Launching e-marketing and thus laying greater focus on B2C (Business 2 Customer) market.
- # The 4+1 dimensions Balanced Score Card System (BSC) approach has been adopted for necessary performance and evolving execution strategy.
- # Smart Hotel Initiatives (SHI) have been implemented to get customer experiences and use analytics to improve performance and bring about change in service delivery standards.