

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.†1287
ANSWERED ON 25.11.2019**

PROTECTION OF TOURISM INDUSTRY

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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the tourism industry is incurring huge losses every year due to spread of some diseases or epidemic or natural disasters after the monsoon or due to terrorist attacks/incidents for the last several years;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof including the reaction of the Government thereto;**
- (c) whether the Government has formulated or proposes to formulate a scheme for protection of tourism industry in the country and promote it; and**
- (d) if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
(SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL)**

(a) and (b): No, Sir. The estimated Foreign Exchange Earnings (FEEs) through tourism in India have been increasing during recent years. Estimated FEEs (in terms of Rs Crore) during the years 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018 are given below:

| Year | FEE (Rs. in Crore) |
|-------------|---------------------------|
| 2014 | 1,20,367 |
| 2015 | 1,34,844 |
| 2016 | 1,54,146 |
| 2017 | 1,77,874 |
| 2018 | 1,94,881 |

(c) & (d): Development and promotion of tourism is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations. However, Ministry of Tourism under its schemes of Swadesh Darshan, PRASHAD and Assistance to Central Agencies, provides central financial assistance to State Governments/Union Territories/Central agencies for development of tourism related infrastructure and facilities in the country. The projects under the scheme are identified for development in consultation with State Governments/UT Administration and are sanctioned subject to availability of funds, submission of suitable detailed project reports, adherences to scheme guidelines and utilization of funds released earlier.

Further, Ministry of Tourism promotes India as a holistic destination and as part of its on-going activities, annually releases domestic and international print, electronic and online media campaigns under the 'Incredible India' brand-line, to promote various tourism destinations and products in the different States and Union Territories of the country. Promotions are also undertaken through the website and Social Media accounts of the Ministry.
