

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.940
ANSWERED ON 08.02.2021**

IMPACT OF COVID-19 PANDEMIC ON INDIAN TOURISM INDUSTRY

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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the tourism sector has been badly affected due to Covid-19 pandemic and if so, the details thereof by indicating the number of tourists visited the country during September to December, 2020 month-wise and the number of tourists visited the country during the same period in 2019;**
- (b) whether the Government has assessed the impact of COVID-19 pandemic on the Indian tourism industry and if so, the details thereof along with the information on job losses since February, 2020;**
- (c) whether the Government proposes to announce economic package for the revival of tourism industry and if so, the details thereof;**
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to help the tourism sector to prepare for new opportunities and adapt to the new realities in the post-pandemic world along with the measures taken to revive the domestic tourism; and**
- (e) whether the Government plans to set up a vaccine certification programme for foreign tourists to help revive International tourism in view of the vaccine roll out in progress in India as well as major countries around the world along with the measures being taken to ensure COVID remains contained in tourist destinations?**

ANSWER

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

(a): Yes sir. The details indicating the no. of tourists visited the country during April 2020 to December 2020 vis-à-vis no. of tourists who visited the country during the same period in 2019 is at Annexure-I.

(b): The closure of the travel and tourism industry has had a cascading effect on the livelihood of people dependant on tourism. The Ministry has engaged NCAER to conduct a study on "India and Coronavirus Pandemic: Economic losses for Households Engaged in Tourism and Policies for Recovery". Since the situation is still evolving, the final impact can only be ascertained in due course.

(c) & (d): The economic package announced by the Govt. of India under the Atma Nirbhar Bharat, steps taken to help the tourism sector to adapt to the new realities in the post pandemic world and measures taken to revive domestic tourism is at Annexure-II.

(e): The Government of India's COVID-19 vaccination programme will provide priority to healthcare and frontline workers followed by those above 50 years of age and then under-50 population groups. No plan for setting up a vaccine certification programme for foreign tourists has been announced yet.

ANNEXURE-I

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.940 ANSWERED ON 08.02.2021 REGARDING IMPACT OF COVID-19 PANDEMIC ON INDIAN TOURISM INDUSTRY.

MONTH-WISE FOREIGNER ARRIVAL DURING APRIL 2020 TO DECEMBER 2020 VIS-À-VIS APRIL 2019 TO DECEMBER 2019

MONTH	ARRIVAL	MONTH	ARRIVAL
Apr-19	774651	Apr-20	470
May-19	615136	May-20	1329
Jun-19	726446	Jun-20	4480
Jul-19	818125	Jul-20	6503
Aug-19	800837	Aug-20	11619
Sep-19	751513	Sep-20	18469
Oct-19	945017	Oct-20	30917
Nov-19	1092440	Nov-20	60156
Dec-19	1226398	Dec-20	79910

ANNEXURE-II

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (c) & (d) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.940 ANSWERED ON 08.02.2021 REGARDING IMPACT OF COVID-19 PANDEMIC ON INDIAN TOURISM INDUSTRY.

FISCAL AND RELIEF MEASURES UNDER ATMA NIRBHAR BHARAT PACKAGE

The Government announced various fiscal and relief measures under the Atma Nirbhar Bharat Package to benefit the Tourism Industry. The stimulus package announced by the Government of India is outlined as under:

- The government has further announced Atmanirbhar Bharat Package vide which Rs.3 lakh crore collateral free automatic loan has been made available for MSMEs. The loan will have 4-year tenure and will have 12-month moratorium.**
- The Government waived off PF contribution for three months for organisations less than 100 pax and 90% employees earn below Rs.15000. Under Atmanirbhar Bharat package, PF contribution of both employer and employee has been reduced to 10% each from existing 12% each for all establishments covered by EPFO for the next three months i.e. up to September 2020.**
- Deferment of TCS upto October 2020**
- Return filing deferred for three months with no penal interest for companies upto Rs.5 Crore, rest @ 9% penal interest.**

The Central government has also given relief from various regulatory compliances under Income Tax Act, Companies Act and GST Act for varying period in the wake of COVID-19 crisis to ensure business continuity and survival. Further, RBI has extended moratorium on term loans till 31st December 2020.
