

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM

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ASSISTANCE TO TOURISM SECTOR

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Will the Minister of **TOURISM** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government may consider to give financial assistance to different States to boost and develop tourism in the country post COVID-19 pandemic, the details thereof; and
- (b) the loss suffered by tourism sector in the country during the last three years, the details thereof, State-Wise?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF TOURISM

(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

(a): The Ministry of Tourism provides financial assistance under the schemes of ‘Swadesh Darshan’ and ‘National Mission on Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD)’ for development of tourism infrastructure in the country further to submission of complete project proposals by the State Governments/Union Territories. This is a continuous process and the projects are sanctioned subject to availability of funds, submission of suitable Detailed Project Reports, adherence to scheme guidelines and utilization of funds released earlier.

(b): The Ministry of Tourism does not maintain the data of loss suffered by tourism sector in the country. However, a study undertaken through the National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER) on “India and the Corona virus Pandemic: Economic Losses for Households Engaged in Tourism and Policies for Recovery” resulted in the following key findings:

- Due to overall economic slowdown during 2020-21, tourism economy or Tourism Direct Gross Value Added (TDGVA) saw a fall of 42.8 percent in Quarter 1 (Q1); 15.5 percent in Q2 and fall of 1.1 percent in Q3.
- Due to significant drop in tourist arrivals and hence tourism expenditure, during the pandemic, it is estimated that TDGVA plummeted by as much as 93.3 percent in Q1 of 2020-21 over its level in the same quarter of previous year. It picked up slightly to post a fall of 79.5 percent in Q2 and that of 64.3 percent in Q3.
- A significant number of direct jobs were lost in the tourism sector once the lockdown was implemented. 14.5 million direct jobs during Q1, 5.2 million during Q2 and 1.8 million direct jobs during Q3 are expected to have lost as compared to estimated 34.8 million direct jobs in tourism sector in the pre-pandemic period of 2019-20.
