

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.†4313
ANSWERED ON 12.12.2016**

AGREEMENT FOR PROMOTION OF TOURISM

**†4313. SHRIMATI RANJANBEN BHATT:
SHRI ALOK SANJAR:**

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether India has recently signed any MoU/bilateral agreements with some countries for the promotion of tourism;**
- (b) if so, the details of the various MoUs signed with international bodies/countries including United States of America for the promotion of tourism, country-wise;**
- (c) whether the Government proposes to sign agreements for mutual cooperation with various countries to give impetus to tourism in future; and**
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the progress made in this regard?**

ANSWER

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

(a): The Ministry of Tourism has signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU's) in the field of tourism cooperation with Maldives, Qatar and South Africa in the current year (as on date).

(b): Details of MoU's/Agreements/Letter of Intent (LoI) signed with various countries for bilateral and multilateral cooperation in the field of Tourism may be seen at Annexure.

(c) & (d): The signing of MoUs/Agreements/LoI with various countries is an ongoing process and the objectives include:

- i) Exchange of information and data related to tourism.**
- ii) Cooperation between tourism stakeholders including hotels & Tour operators.**

- iii) Exchange programmes for cooperation in Human Resource Development.**
- iv) Investment in the Tourism and Hospitality sector.**
- v) Exchange of visits of Tour Operators/Media/Opinion Makers for promotion of two way tourism.**
- vi) Exchange of experience in the areas of promotion, marketing, destination development and management.**
- vii) Participation in travel fairs/exhibitions in each other's country.**

ANNEXURE**STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PART (b) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.†4313 ANSWERED ON 12.12.2016 REGARDING AGREEMENT FOR PROMOTION OF TOURISM.****Agreements/Memorandum of Understanding Signed with foreign countries by the Ministry of Tourism****1. MOUs currently valid**

| Sl. No | Name of the country with whom MoU/ Agreement/Protocols signed | Date of signature |
|---------------|--|--------------------------|
| 1. | Iraq (Protocol) | 25.10.1986 |
| 2. | Portugal (Agreement) | 29.07.1991 |
| 3. | Syria (Agreement) | 08.10.1991 |
| 4. | Hungary (Agreement) | 16.10.1992 |
| 5. | Belarus (Agreement) | 14.05.1993 |
| 6. | Israel (Agreement) | 18.05.1993 |
| 7. | Singapore (Agreement) | 24.01.1994 |
| 8. | Russia (Agreement) | 30.06.1994 |
| 9. | Turkey (Agreement) | 31.01.1995 |
| 10. | Iran (MoU) | 18.04.1995 |
| 11. | Mexico (Agreement) | 28.03.1996 |
| 12. | Seychelles (Agreement) | 03.10.1996 |
| 13. | Cyprus (Agreement) | 07.11.1996 |
| 14. | Greece (Agreement) | 13.01.1998 |
| 15. | Mongolia (Agreement) | 01.12.1998 |
| 16. | Morocco (Agreement) | 13.02.1999 |
| 17. | Indonesia (MOU) | 08.02.2000 |
| 18. | Italy (Agreement) | 26.06.2000 |
| 19. | Tunisia (Agreement) | 08.12.2000 |
| 20. | Sri Lanka (MOU) | 23.01.2004 |
| 21. | Brazil (Agreement) | 25.01.2004 |
| 22. | Serbia (MOU) | 02.11.2004 |
| 23. | Afghanistan (Agreement) | 06.12.2005 |
| 24. | Jordan (Agreement) | 01.12.2006 |
| 25. | IBSA Tripartite Agreement | 15.10.2008 |
| 26. | Spain (MOU) | 22.04.2009 |
| 27. | Poland (Agreement) | 25.04.2009 |
| 28. | Malaysia (MOU) | 27.10.2010 |

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| 29. | ASEAN (MOU) | 12.01.2012 |
| 30. | Mauritius (MOU) | 12.03.2013 |
| 31. | Japan (Memorandum) | 22.01.2014 |
| 32. | Australia MoU | 18.11.2014 |
| 33. | Nepal (MoU) | 25.11.2014 |
| 34. | France (Lol) | 09.04.2015 |
| 35. | China (Agreement) | 15.05.2015 |
| 36. | Tanzania (MoU) | 19.06.2015 |
| 37. | Uzbekistan (Agreement) | 06.07.2015 |
| 38. | Turkmenistan (MoU) | 11.07.2015 |
| 39. | Egypt (MoU) | 24.08.2015 |
| 40. | U.A.E. | 03.09.2015 |
| 41. | Cambodia (MoU) | 16.09.2015 |
| 42. | Maldives (MoU) | 10.04.2016 |
| 43. | Qatar (MoU) | 05.06.2016 |
| 44. | South Africa (MoU) | 08.07.2016 |

2. MoU's Which have expired

| Sl. No | Name of the country with whom MoU/ Agreement/Protocols signed | Date of signature |
|---------------|--|--------------------------|
| 1. | Republic of Korea (South) (Agreement) | 10.09.1993 |
| 2. | Bulgaria (Agreement) | 26.05.1994 |
| 3. | Romania (Agreement) | 02.06.1994 |
| 4. | Kyrgyzstan (Agreement) | 22.09.1995 |
| 5. | Peru (Agreement) | 26.05.1997 |
| 6. | Vietnam (Agreement) | 08.01.2001 |
| 7. | Kazakhstan (Agreement) | 03.06.2002 |
| 8. | Ukraine (Agreement) | 12.08.2003 |
| 9. | Thailand (Agreement) | 09.10.2003 |
| 10. | Tajikistan (Agreement) | 14.11.2003 |
| 11. | Fiji (Agreement) | 10.10.2005 |
| 12. | Philippines (Agreement) | 04.02.2006 |
