

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.†5807
ANSWERED ON 10.04.2017**

FORMULATION OF INTER-MINISTERIAL COORDINATION COMMITTEE

†5807. SHRI RAHUL KASWAN:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has identified the various challenges/issues faced by the tourism industry in the country and if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) whether the Government has constituted inter-Ministerial coordination Committee for resolving issues pertaining to tourism industry;**
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the progress made by this Committee so far; and**
- (d) the steps taken by the Government for creation of additional employment in order to facilitate the resolution of issues related to tourism industry?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)

(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

(a): Yes, Madam. The major issues faced by the tourism industry relate to entry formalities, safety and security of tourists, lack of tourism infrastructure, lack of cleanliness and hygiene in tourist spots, lack of connectivity, high and multiple taxation etc.

(b) & (c): An Inter-Ministerial Co-ordination Committee on Tourism Sector (IMCCTS) has been constituted under the chairmanship of the Cabinet Secretary to help facilitate resolution of inter-ministerial issues involved in the development of tourism in the country. The constitution of the committee is placed as Annexure. Action has already been taken on matters relating to e-tourist Visa for more countries, translation of Visa form in foreign languages, extending e-medical Visa, satellite phones for adventure tourism, Wi-Fi provision at tourist destinations, setting up tourist facilities at ASI monuments and sites etc.

(d): Apart from regular hospitality and tourist management courses, the Hunar Se Rozgar Tak (HSRT) Scheme has been launched to impart employable skills in certain hospitality trades.

ANNEXURE

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (b) & (c) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.+5807 ANSWERED ON 10.04.2017 REGARDING FORMULATION OF INTER - MINISTERIAL COORDINATION COMMITTEE.

Composition of the Inter Ministerial Co-ordination Committee on Tourism Sector

Sl. No.	Name
1	Cabinet Secretary - Chairman
2	CEO, Niti Aayog
3	Chairman, Railway Board
4	Home Secretary
5	Defence Secretary
6	Foreign Secretary
7	Secretary, Ministry of Road Transport & Highways
8	Secretary, Ministry of Civil Aviation
9	Secretary, Department of Revenue
10	Secretary, Department of Expenditure
11	Secretary, Ministry of Rural Development
12	Secretary, Ministry of Environment & Forests
13	Secretary, Ministry of Urban Development
14	Secretary, Department of School Education & Literacy
15	Secretary, Ministry of Labour and Employment
16	Secretary, Ministry of Culture
17	Secretary, Ministry of Tourism- Member Convenor
