

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO.†*193
ANSWERED ON 01.01.2018**

SHORTAGE OF HOTEL ROOMS

**†*193. SHRI PARBHUBHAI NAGARBHAI VASAVA:
SHRI GEORGE BAKER:**

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of demand and supply of hotel rooms for tourists in the country, State/UT-wise including Gujarat and West Bengal;**
- (b) whether at present there is shortage of hotel rooms including economical hotel rooms in some States keeping in view the rising number of tourists/low budget tourists in the country and if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether there is surge in hotel room rates due to shortage of hotels in the country and if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken/being taken by the Government to meet the said shortage;**
- (d) whether India is lagging behind in comparison to other Asian countries due to shortage of economical hotel rooms; and**
- (e) if so, the details thereof along with the number of foreign tourists visited India during the last two years and the amount of foreign exchange earned therefrom?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
(SHRI K. J. ALPHONS)**

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.†*193 ANSWERED ON 01.01.2018 REGARDING SHORTAGE OF HOTEL ROOMS.

(a) to (e): As per the Report of the “Working Group on Tourism” for the 12th Five-year Plan (2012-17) set up by then Planning Commission, (assuming a projected annual growth of 12% in Foreign Tourist Arrivals) the projected requirement of additional hotel rooms under classified category in 2016 over 2010 was estimated to be 1,90,108.

Construction of hotel is primarily a private sector activity. The Ministry of Tourism, Government of India only classifies operational hotels under its voluntary scheme of classification/approval of hotels.

Pricing of hotel rooms is a function of factors like supply, availability, taxation etc and essentially works on market dynamics. As such it is not regulated by the Government. Other countries have different pricing dynamics based on specific market conditions.

The details of Foreign Tourist Arrivals to India and the foreign exchange earned therefrom are as follows:

Sl. No.	Parameter	2015	2016
1.	Foreign Tourist Arrivals (FTA) to India (million).	8.03 (4.5%)	8.80 (9.7%)

Sl. No.	Parameter	2015	2016
1.	Foreign Exchange Earnings through Tourism (Rs. Crore).	135193 (9.6%)	154146 (14.0%)
