

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.819
ANSWERED ON 23.07.2018**

SHORTAGE OF HOTELS

819. SHRI VENKATESH BABU T.G.:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the country has a shortage of nearly two lakh hotels and is struggling hard to manage the surge in tourist arrivals;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether the Government has taken any steps to encourage home stays and to address the shortage of hotel rooms and if so the, details thereof; and**
- (d) whether any sops are proposed for the hotel industry and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?**

ANSWER

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

(a) and (b): As per the Report of the “Working Group on Tourism” for the 12th Five-year Plan (2012-17) set up by the Planning Commission, for 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. No assessment has been made by Ministry of Tourism regarding demand and shortage of hotel rooms for tourists in the country.

(c): The Ministry of Tourism has a voluntary scheme for approval of Incredible India Bed & Breakfast/Homestay Establishments These scheme/guidelines are available on the website of Ministry of Tourism viz, www.tourism.gov.in. The Ministry of Tourism, Government of India lists ‘Homestays’ approved by it on its website

listing the 'Homestays' in different parts of the country. The Ministry of Tourism has been conducting sensitization workshops on promotion of Homestays/Incredible India Bed & Breakfast Establishments in all States through its domestic offices. The Ministry has also commissioned a detailed study on convergence and formulation of common national standards for accreditation of Bed & Breakfast/Homestay Establishments.

(d): The Ministry of Finance, Govt. of India, on 17th October, 2017, have notified the Harmonized Master List of Infrastructure Sub-Sectors to boost supply of hotel rooms in the country which includes three star or higher category classified hotels located outside cities with population of more than 1 million.
