

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1256
ANSWERED ON 11.02.2019**

DEVELOPMENT OF AREA AROUND THE STATUE OF UNITY

**1256. SHRI VISHNU DAYAL RAM:
SHRI FEROZE VARUN GANDHI:**

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the tourism has increased substantially in the area after the Statue of Unity has been opened for visitors and if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) the details of the revenue generated till now from visitors to the Statue of Unity;**
- (c) whether the Government plans to develop the area around the Statue to increase employment and tourism in the surrounding area and if so, the details thereof;**
- (d) whether the financial burden is to be shared between the State and the Union Government for the coming years upto 2021; and**
- (e) if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

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

(a): Yes, Madam. As per the information provided by Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel Rashtriya Ekta Trust, the number of tourists who visited the Statue of Unity at Kevadia in 3 months from November, 2018 to January, 2019 was 7,81,349 as against yearly average of 8,22,009 tourists visiting Sardar Sarovar Dam at Kevadia in the last five years.

(b): Revenue generated from visitors to Statue of Unity from November, 2018 to January, 2019 is Rs.19.47 crore.

(c): It has been decided to develop tourism related activities such as the following in the area:

- **Jungle Safari**
- **Amusement Park, Adventure & Eco-tourism Park**
- **Children's Nutrition Park**
- **Boating from Shreshtha Bharat Bhavan to Statue of Unity**
- **Food Court & Mirror Maze**
- **Cactus Garden**

(d): No, Madam.

(e): Does not arise.
