

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.182
ANSWERED ON 04.02.2019**

SHORTAGE OF GUIDES

182. DR. C. GOPALAKRISHNAN:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware that there is severe shortage of approved tourist guides in the country;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the number of guides approved so far, State/UT-wise;**
- (c) whether the Government has any proposal to train young persons as tourist guides;**
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and**
- (e) whether any special institution has been set-up for tourist management in the country and if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)

(SHRI K.J. ALPHONS)

(a) and (b): Ministry of Tourism has been issuing Regional Level Tourist Guide (RLG) licences under the delegated power of Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains (AMASR) Act, 1958 and Rules 1959, as amended from time to time. A List of such guides, State/Union Territory Administration-wise, is given in Annexure, which is enclosed. Apart from these, tourist licences are also issued by State Governments/UT Administration. There is no specific survey conducted by the Ministry to assess the shortage of guides in the country.

(c) and (d): Ministry of Tourism has rolled out Incredible India Tourist Facilitator Certification online course on 15th November, 2017 with the aim to create a pool of skilled persons at local level to facilitate the tourists in the remotest region.

(e): Under the aegis of Ministry of Tourism, a specialized institute of “Indian Institute of Tourism & Travel Management (IITTM)” with its centres at Gwalior, Bhubaneswar, Nellore and NOIDA, has been opened to conduct various Tourism Management Courses. However, a large number of universities and private institutes are also conducting various course related to tourism management.

ANNEXURE**STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) AND (b) OF LOK SABHA
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S. No.	Name of States/UTs	No. of Guides
1.	Delhi	738
2.	Haryana	35
3.	Rajasthan	977
4.	Uttar Pradesh	749
5.	Punjab	03
6.	Jammu & Kashmir	01
7.	Uttrakhand	02
8.	Himachal Pradesh	04
9.	Meghalaya	01
10.	Tamil Nadu & Puducherry	120
11.	Karnataka	34
12.	Kerala	86
13.	Andhra Pradesh & Telangana	15
14.	Maharashtra	180
15.	Goa	31
16.	Gujarat	22
17.	Chattisgarh	02
18.	Madhya Pradesh	106
19.	Bihar	25
20.	Jharkhand	02
21.	Odisha	23
22.	West Bengal	69
23.	Assam	02
Total		3227
