

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

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THOMSON REUTERS FOUNDATION SURVEY

184. DR. UDIT RAJ:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether India has been named the most dangerous country in the world for women preceding war-torn countries such as Afghanistan and Syria in a recent Thomson Reuters Foundation survey and if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) whether such survey hampers the image of India globally and will directly affect the international tourism; and**
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the necessary steps and action taken by the Government in this regard along with the reaction of the Government thereto?**

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c): The Thomson Reuters Foundation, in a recent poll has listed India as the most dangerous country for women. The above agency claimed that the ranking was based on a perception poll conducted with 548 respondents and the poll collected opinions on healthcare, discrimination, cultural traditions, sexual violence, non-sexual violence and human trafficking. The survey was unscientific and was not based on facts.

The Ministry of Tourism, on its part, has taken several initiatives towards ensuring the safety and security of all tourists visiting the country, including the following:

- A 24x7 Toll Free, Multilingual Tourist Info-Helpline on 1800111363 or 1363 has been launched in 12 languages to**

provide support service in terms of information relating to travel in India and to offer appropriate guidance to tourists in distress while travelling in India.

- **Guidelines on Safety and Security of Tourists have been issued for States/Union Territories (UTs) to stress the importance of safety and risk management, to assist in identifying best practices and encourage closer cooperation for ensuring a pleasant experience to the tourists.**
- **State Governments/UT Administrations have been encouraged to deploy Tourist Police in one form or the other and several States/UTs have done so.**
- **Constant interaction is maintained with States/UTs, various tourism related institutions and stakeholders for drawing up strategies for development and promotion of tourism including safe and honorable Tourism.**
- **Social Awareness Media Campaigns have been launched with the objective of sensitizing stakeholders in the tourism industry as well as the general public about the importance of good conduct and behavior towards tourists.**
