

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2269
ANSWERED ON 08.07.2019**

AGREEMENT TO PROMOTE TOURISM

2269. DR. UMESH G. JADHAV:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has signed agreements for partnerships with other countries to promote tourism in India;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof, country-wise;**
- (c) whether the number of tourists from these countries have increased during the last two years; and**
- (d) if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)

(SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL)

(a) & (b): The signing of Agreements/Memorandum of Understanding (MoUs) with various countries is an ongoing process and the Ministry of Tourism has signed Agreements/MoUs in the field of tourism cooperation with other countries and multilateral fora. Details of MoUs/Agreements/Letter of Intent (LoI) signed with various countries for bilateral and multilateral cooperation in the field of Tourism may be seen at Annexure-I.

The main objective of such Agreements/MoUs signed by the Ministry of Tourism is primarily to promote tourism between both sides. The important components of the Agreements/MoUs include the following:

- i) Exchange of information and data related to tourism.**

- ii) Cooperation between tourism stakeholders including hotels & Tour operators.**
- iii) Exchange of visits of Tour Operators/Media/Opinion Makers for promotion of two way tourism.**
- iv) Exchange programmes for cooperation in Human Resource Development.**
- v) Investment in the Tourism and Hospitality sector.**
- vi) Exchange of experience in the areas of promotion, marketing, destination development and management.**
- vii) Participation in travel fairs/exhibitions in each other's country.**

(c) & (d): The tourist arrival figures for the year 2016 and 2017 from the countries with whom the Ministry of Tourism has entered in to Agreement/MoU may be seen at Annexure-II. The nationality-wise Foreign Tourist Arrivals during the year 2018 is not yet available.

ANNEXURE-I**STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) AND (b) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2269 ANSWERED ON 08.07.2019 REGARDING AGREEMENT TO PROMOTE TOURISM.****Agreements / Memorandum of Understanding Signed with foreign countries by the Ministry of Tourism**

Sl. No	Name of the country with whom MoU/ Agreement/Protocols signed	MoU / Agreement / Lol	Date of signature
1.	Iraq	Protocol	25.10.1986
2.	Portugal	Agreement	29.07.1991
3.	Syria	Agreement	08.10.1991
4.	Israel	Agreement	18.05.1993
5.	Singapore	Agreement	24.01.1994
6.	Russia	Agreement	30.06.1994
7.	Iran	MoU	18.04.1995
8.	Mexico	Agreement	28.03.1996
9.	Cyprus	Agreement	07.11.1996
10.	Greece	Agreement	13.01.1998
11.	Indonesia	MoU	08.02.2000
12.	Italy	Agreement	26.06.2000
13.	Sri Lanka	MoU	23.01.2004
14.	Brazil	Agreement	25.01.2004
15.	Serbia	MoU	02.11.2004
16.	Poland	Agreement	25.04.2009
17.	Malaysia	MoU	27.10.2010
18.	ASEAN	MoU	12.01.2012
19.	Mauritius	MoU	12.03.2013
20.	Japan	Memorandum	22.01.2014
21.	Australia	MoU	18.11.2014
22.	Nepal	MoU	25.11.2014

23.	France	LoI	09.04.2015
24.	China	Agreement	15.05.2015
25.	Tanzania	MoU	19.06.2015
26.	Turkmenistan	MoU	11.07.2015
27.	Egypt	MoU	24.08.2015
28.	U.A.E.	MoU	03.09.2015
29.	Cambodia	MoU	16.09.2015
30.	Maldives	MoU	10.04.2016
31.	Qatar	MoU	05.06.2016
32.	South Africa	MoU	08.07.2016
33.	Kyrgyzstan	MoU	20.12.2016
34.	Oman	MoU	11.02.2018
35.	Bulgaria	MoU	05.09.2018
36.	Malta	MoU	17.09.2018
37.	Romania	MoU	19.09.2018
38.	Colombia	MoU	04.10.2018
39.	Uzbekistan	Agreement	01.10.2018
40.	Korea	MOU	05.11.2018
41.	Argentina	MoU	18.02.2019
42.	Saudi Arabia	MoU	20.02.2019
43.	Croatia	MoU	26.03.2019

ANNEXURE-II**STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (c) AND (d) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2269 ANSWERED ON 08.07.2019 REGARDING AGREEMENT TO PROMOTE TOURISM.****Tourist arrival figures from the countries with whom Ministry of Tourism has signed Agreements / Memorandum of Understanding**

Sl. No	Name of the country	Arrival in 2016	Arrival in 2017	Growth %age in 2017 over 2016
1.	Iraq	48227	56230	16.59
2.	Portugal	54439	66378	21.93
3.	Syria	6267	5108	-18.49
4.	Israel	59231	58131	-1.86
5.	Singapore *	163688	175852	7.43
6.	Russia	227749	278904	22.46
7.	Iran	39184	42641	8.82
8.	Mexico	15689	18114	15.46
9.	Cyprus	1621	1856	14.50
10.	Greece	9048	10286	13.68
11.	Indonesia *	35084	43973	25.34
12.	Italy	95417	111915	17.29
13.	Sri Lanka	297418	303590	2.08
14.	Brazil	21289	24453	14.86
15.	Serbia	3673	4378	19.19
16.	Poland	25706	28674	11.55
17.	Malaysia *	301961	322126	6.68
18.	ASEAN	745868	824575	10.55
19.	Mauritius	34280	37706	9.99
20.	Japan	208847	222527	6.55
21.	Australia	293625	324243	10.43
22.	Nepal	161097	164018	1.81
23.	France	238707	249620	4.57
24.	China	251313	247235	-1.62
25.	Tanzania	23026	22261	-3.32
26.	Turkmenistan	14302	17653	23.43
27.	Egypt	20864	20528	-1.61

28.	U.A.E.	67165	67238	0.11
29.	Cambodia *	2593	5334	105.71
30.	Maldives	67457	66150	-1.94
31.	Qatar	7486	6963	-6.99
32.	South Africa	52636	57060	8.40
33.	Kyrgyzstan	3429	4048	18.05
34.	Oman	105705	107217	1.43
35.	Bulgaria	6271	5288	-15.68
36.	Malta	937	1358	44.93
37.	Romania	9936	11844	19.20
38.	Colombia	5749	7043	22.51
39.	Uzbekistan	21605	23257	7.65
40.	Korea	111076	142383	28.19
41.	Argentina	12308	14875	20.86
42.	Saudi Arabia	61605	52976	-14.01
43.	Croatia	3314	3593	8.42
	TOTAL	3936892	4259602	8.20

***These countries have also been included in the ASEAN group of countries.**
