

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

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**CONTRIBUTION OF TOURISM INDUSTRY IN GDP**

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**Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:**

- (a) the quantum of contribution of Tourism industry to the GDP of the country during the last three years;**
- (b) whether the Government has achieved its target set for the tourism industry and if so, the response of the Government in this regard;**
- (c) whether the Tourism Sector has supported 40 million jobs in 2019 which has now dipped to 29 million; and**
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor and the proposal of the Government to recover the country's travel and tourism sector?**

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF TOURISM**

**(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)**

**(a): As per estimation in accordance with 3<sup>rd</sup> Tourism Satellite Account (TSA), the contribution of tourism in GDP for 2018-19, 2019-20 and 2020-21 is as follows:**

	<b>2018-19</b>	<b>2019-20</b>	<b>2020-21</b>
<b>Share in tourism in GDP (in %)</b>	<b>5.02</b>	<b>5.19</b>	<b>1.06</b>

**The above estimates are updated using National Account Statistics 2022.**

**(b): There were 10.93 million Foreign Tourist Arrivals (FTAs) in India during pre-pandemic year 2019. Tourism Industry has shown good signs of revival after Covid-19 pandemic. According to latest information received from Bureau of Immigration, India received 6.19 million Foreign Tourist Arrivals (FTAs) during 2022 as compare to 1.52 million during the same period of 2021. Further, Domestic tourism is also witnessing growth in the country. India received 677.63 million**

**Domestic Tourist Visits (DTV's) in 2021 as compare to 610.22 million in 2020.**

**The Ministry of Tourism has taken several steps/initiatives to boost tourism in the country to attract foreign & domestic tourists as per details given below:**

- i. 24x7 toll free Multi-Lingual Tourist Helpline.**
- ii. Providing facility of e-Visa for 5 sub-categories i.e. e-Tourist visa, e-Business visa, e-Medical visa, e-Medical Attendant visa and e-Conference visa for nationals of 165 countries.**
- iii. E-Visa has been further liberalized and the visa fee has been substantially reduced.**
- iv. Adopt a Heritage Project for development and maintenance of tourist amenities at heritage sites/monuments and other tourist sites.**
- v. Development and promotion of 'Niche Tourism' products to attract tourist with specific interest and to ensure repeat visits for the unique products in which India has a comparative advantage.**
- vi. Promoting India as a holistic tourism destination including its various tourism sites and products through Ministry's social media handles and website.**
- vii. Conducting Programmes under the 'Capacity Building for Service Providers' (CBSP) Scheme to train and up-grade manpower to provide better service standards.**
- viii. New mountain peaks have been opened for Mountaineering/Trekking to give boost to adventure tourism in the country.**
- ix. Lowering of GST on hotels rooms with tariffs of ₹1,001 to ₹7,500/night to 12%, those above ₹7,501 to 18% to increase India's competitiveness as a tourism destination.**
- x. On the recommendation of the Ministry of Tourism, 59 tourism routes have been awarded to the identified airlines by the Ministry of Civil Aviation under the RCS UDAN Scheme, for which Ministry of Tourism extends financial support in form of VGF (Viability Gap Funding). 51 of these routes have been operationalized till date.**

**(c) & (d): As per estimation in accordance with 3<sup>rd</sup> Tourism Satellite Account (TSA) and Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS), there were 69.44 million jobs in tourism sector during 2019-20. The year 2020-21 was affected by Covid-19 pandemic. During 2020-21, the number of jobs in tourism sector were 68.07 million.**

**To recover from the hardship arose due to the covid-19 pandemic, Ministry of Tourism is running the "Loan Guarantee Scheme for Covid Affected Tourism Service Sector (LGSCATSS)", under which, loan upto Rs.10.00 lakh is extended to each Tour Operators/Travel Agents/Tourist Transport Operators approved/ recognized by the Ministry of Tourism, upto Rs.1.00 lakh is extended to each Regional Tourist Guide/Incredible India Tourist Guide approved/recognized by the Ministry of Tourism and Tourist Guides approved/recognized by the State Govt./UT Administration.**

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