

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
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G-20 TOURISM

**469. SHRI BHOLA SINGH:
SHRI VINOD KUMAR SONKAR:
SHRI RAJA AMARESHWARA NAIK:
DR. SUKANTA MAJUMDAR:
SHRI RAJVEER SINGH (RAJU BHAIYA):**

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Tourism Minister has represented the country at UN High Level Political Forum (HLPF) on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) along with attending the G-20 Tourism Chair in New York;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether the Union Tourism Minister has shared the plan of tourism development to help in achieving the SDGs 2030;**
- (d) if so, the details thereof;**
- (e) whether the 'India Declaration' and 'Goa Road Map' that were conceived as a part of the G-20 Tourism Working Group were showcased there; and**
- (f) if so, the reaction received from the other participating countries?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM

(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

(a) & (b): Yes, sir. The Union Minister of Tourism Shri. G. Kishan Reddy represented India at the UN High Level Political Forum (HLPF) on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in New York.

(c) & (d): During the High Level Political forum, India highlighted the efforts being taken in advancing the Sustainable Development

Goals through tourism by implementing various initiatives and strategies.

The gathering at HLPF was also informed of the ‘National Strategy for Sustainable Tourism’ launched by the Ministry of Tourism with an aim to mainstream sustainability in India’s tourism sector and to ensure resilient, inclusive, carbon neutral and resource efficient tourism along with safeguarding natural and cultural resources. The gathering was also informed of Travel for LiFE (Lifestyle for Environment) initiative (which is in line with Honorable Prime Minister’s vision of Mission LiFE program) urging individuals and communities to take simple actions for environment and climate protection. In addition, the gathering was also made aware of other programs like Sustainable Tourism Criteria of India (STCI), infrastructure development in India for promotion of tourism, collaborating with the Ministry of Civil Aviation to improve last-mile connectivity, promoting electric and green transport options and reducing the carbon footprint of the tourism sector for achieving the sustainable development goals 2030.

(e) & (f): Yes, sir. The ‘GOA Roadmap for tourism as a vehicle for achieving the sustainable development goals’ – the outcome document of G20 Tourism Working Group under India’s G20 Presidency, was presented during the High Level Political Forum event.

The participants appreciated the formulation of ‘GOA Roadmap for tourism as a vehicle for achieving the sustainable development goals’ and valued the actions of Government of India towards its commitment in driving a positive change in the tourism industry.
