

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.5
ANSWERED ON 04.12.2023**

REVIVAL OF TOURISM SECTOR IN HIMACHAL PRADESH

5. SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Himachal Pradesh is one of the most popular tourist destinations in North India;**
- (b) whether it is a fact that there has been an increase in frequency of incessant rains and landslides in the State of Himachal Pradesh spelling doom for the travel and tourism sector in the State;**
- (c) the quantum of revenue lost due to hotel cancellations and cancellations of tourism packages in the last 5 years;**
- (d) whether it is a fact that the heavy rains and landslides are impacting the tourism sector more than the covid-19 lockdown; and**
- (e) whether the Government has any long term plan to tackle the issue and keep the tourism sector in Himachal Pradesh beaming and if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM

(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

(a): The details of Domestic Tourist Visits (DTV) and Foreign Tourist Visits (FTV) of the Northern states during 2018-2022 are given in Annexure.

(c): The Ministry of Tourism does not maintain data on revenue generated/ lost from tourism.

(b), (d) & (e): As per information received from the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA):

- i. The State of Himachal Pradesh faced unprecedented rains during July, 2023 which causes floods and landslide across the State. Following these incidents, the State Govt. vide letter dated 25.07.2023. has requested NDMA to provide technical assistance in conducting Post Disaster Needs Assessment (PDNA) in order to prepare long-term Recovery & Reconstruction for the State.**
- ii. The NDMA has considered the request and constituted an Expert Group vide order dated 05.08.2023 comprising various stakeholders i.e. Central Government, Institutions and International Organizations to facilitate the PDNA exercise. The exercises were held in two phases i.e. 1st phase (07.08.2023 – 12.08.2023) and 2nd phase (16.09.23 – 19.09.2023) to assess damage and loss in 13 identified sectors including Tourism sector.**
- iii. As per the recommendation of the XVth Finance Commission for ‘Managing seismic and landslide risks in ten hill states’ and earmarked allocation of Rs.750 crore.**
- iv. Under SDMF, Rs.592.4 Crore has been allocated to HP for Disaster mitigation activities in which central has a share of Rs.533.4 Crore and State has a share of Rs.59 Crore.**
- v. Currently NDMA is formulating the Landslide Risk Mitigation Programme (LRMP) and Earthquake Risk Mitigation Programme (ERMP). This program will concentrate on assessing Earthquake and landslide risk, it’s vulnerability, implementing monitoring and early warning systems (EWS), stabilizing/ retrofitting and enhancing capacity in this regard. Himachal Pradesh is also included in the proposed programme.**
- vi. NDMA has issued two sets of National Disaster Management Guidelines:
 - a. Guidelines on Cultural Heritage Sites and Precincts; and**
 - b. Guidelines on Museums.****

Both these guidelines are very relevant for the tourism sector in Himachal Pradesh.

ANNEXURE**STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.5 ANSWERED ON 04.12.2023 REGARDING REVIVAL OF TOURISM SECTOR IN HIMACHAL PRADESH BY SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY.**

Details of Domestic Tourist Visits (DTVs) and Foreign Tourist Visits (FTVs) during 2018-2022 (Figures in Lakh) are as follows:

States/UTs	2018		2019		2020		2021		2022	
	DTV	FTV	DTV	FTV	DTV	FTV	DTV	FTV	DTV	FTV
Himachal Pradesh	160.94	3.57	168.29	3.83	31.71	0.43	56.32	0.05	150.71	0.29
Punjab	445.95	12.01	473.85	11.01	166.92	3.59	266.40	3.08	260.89	3.29
Haryana	48.89	0.74	45.49	0.48	21.15	0.17	20.25	0.05	21.08	0.02
Uttar Pradesh	2850.80	37.81	5358.55	47.45	861.22	8.91	1097.08	0.45	3179.14	6.49
Jammu & Kashmir	170.76	1.40	161.63	0.58	25.20	0.05	113.15	0.02	184.99	0.20
Ladakh	0.00	0.00	2.41	0.39	0.07	0.01	3.03	0.01	5.10	0.21
Rajasthan	502.36	17.54	522.20	16.06	151.17	4.46	219.89	0.35	1083.28	3.97
Chandigarh	15.39	0.40	15.64	0.44	4.18	0.12	2.29	0.05	30.27	0.28
Delhi	291.14	27.41	364.68	29.83	95.84	6.81	106.42	1.00	271.86	8.16
Uttarakhand	356.10	1.51	375.86	1.52	70.05	0.41	194.34	0.09	546.43	0.62

Source: States/UTs Department Tourism
