

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.†1247
ANSWERED ON 19.09.2020**

DECLINE IN INTERNATIONAL TOURISM SECTOR

†1247. SHRI AJAY KUMAR MISRA TENI:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether World Tourism Organisation (UNWTO) has estimated 60 percent to 80 percent decline in the international tourism sector due to COVID-19;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether the above organisation has estimated more decline in the Asia-Pacific region;**
- (d) if so, the details thereof;**
- (e) whether the Government has conducted any study to know the impact on tourism sector of our country; and**
- (f) if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
(SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL)**

(a) & (b): In United Nations World Tourism Organization (UNWTO) report (World Tourism barometer) for June 2020, three scenarios were assumed on the basis of possible dates of lifting of travel restrictions and gradual re-opening of international borders.

- 1. Scenario 1 (-58% in arrivals in 2020) if travel restrictions lifted in early July.**
- 2. Scenario 2 (-70% in 2020) based on the same in early September.**
- 3. Scenario 3 (-78% in 2020) based on the same in early December.**

(c) & (d): Yes, Sir. As per the UNWTO report (World Tourism barometer) for August/September 2020, Asia and the Pacific was most affected among world regions with 72% less international tourist arrivals in January-June 2020.

(e): No formal study has been instituted for assessment of impact of covid-19 on Tourism sector in 2020-21. However, several rounds of discussions and brainstorming sessions with industry stakeholders indicate massive loss of revenue. In view of the highly unorganized nature of the sector, the impact in numerical terms can only be ascertained in due course.

(f): Does not arise.
