## GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF TOURISM

# LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.179 ANSWERED ON 18.07.2016

### INITIATIVE TO BOOST TOURISM IN NEPAL

#### 179. SHRI RAJESHBHAI CHUDASAMA:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has taken any measures to help Nepal to boost tourism after the last year's earthquake and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government plans to introduce more means of transport for tourists to travel to Nepal; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof along with the action taken by the Government in this regard?

#### **ANSWER**

## MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

- (a) to (c): The Ministry of Tourism has already signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Government of Nepal for cooperation in the field of Tourism. The MoU envisages cooperation in the fields of
  - i) Exchange of information and data related to tourism.
  - ii) Cooperation between tourism stakeholders including hotels & tour operators.
  - iii) Exchange programmes for cooperation in Human Resource Development.
  - iv) Investment in the Tourism and Hospitality sector.
  - v) Exchange of visits of Tour Operators/Media/Opinion Makers for promotion of two way tourism.
  - 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.
  - viii) Promotion of safe, honourable and sustainable tourism.

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