

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM AND CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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CLOSURE OF TOURISM OFFICE AT TEL AVIV
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Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether tourism office at Tel Aviv in Israel was closed last year;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to open its tourism office in Tel Aviv again; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): In pursuance of Expenditure Reforms Commission's recommendations, restructuring of Overseas Tourist Offices was undertaken and in this process five Tourist Offices including Tel Aviv were closed.

(c) & (d): Internationally Tourism scenario keeps changing. Opening and closing of foreign offices is a function of market requirement.