

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:340

ANSWERED ON:14.12.2006

TOURISM CO OPERATION PACTS WITH FOREIGN COUNTRIES

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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Government has signed any tourism co-operation pact with foreign countries particularly with Australia, Turkey, Afghanistan and Poland ;

(b) If so, the details thereof; and

(c) The extent to which India will be benefited by the said agreements ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SMT. AMBIKA SONI)

(a) to (c): A statement is laid on the table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO 340 ANSWERED ON 14.12.2006 REGARDING TOURISM CO-OPERATION PACTS WITH FOREIGN COUNTRIES

(a) and (b): The Government has signed MoU/Agreements with Australia, Turkey and Afghanistan for co-operation in the field of tourism. It has also been decided to sign an agreement for cooperation in the field of tourism with Poland. The agreement has already been sent to Indian Mission in Warsaw for signing. The list of countries with whom India has bilateral agreement of tourism cooperation, as on date is annexed.

(c): The bilateral tourism cooperation pacts signed with foreign countries serve as instruments for marketing and promotion of tourism between the participating countries. These agreements facilitate launching of marketing activities, exchange of travel trade delegations, facilitating investments, human resource development and organizing of special promotional events for mutual benefits. These agreements give impetus to the growth of two way tourism.

ANNEXURE

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PART (a) AND (b) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO+ 340 ANSWERED ON 14.12.2006 REGARDING TOURISM CO- OPERATION PACTS WITH FOREIGN COUNTRIES

LIST OF COUNTRIES WITH WHOM BILATERAL AGREEMENT ON TOURISM COOPERATION EXISTS AS ON DATE

Sl.No. Name of the country Date of signing

1. Iraq (Protocol) 25.10.1986
2. Portugal 29.07.1991
3. Syria 08.10.1991
4. Hungary - 16.10.1992
5. Belarus 14.05.1993
6. Israel 18.05.1993
- 7 Uzbekistan 29.07.1993
8. Republic of Korea (South) 10.09.1993
9. Singapore- 24.01.1994
- 10 Bulgaria - 26.05.1994
11. Romania - 02.06.1994
12. Russia 30.06.1994
13. Turkey 31.01.1995
14. Iran (MoU) 18.04.1995
15. Kryghstan 22.09.1995
16. Mexico 28.03.1996
17. Seychelles 03.10.1996
18. Cyprus 07.11.1996
19. Peru 26.05.1997
20. South Africa 07.10.1997

21. Egypt 11.10.1997
22. Greece 13.01.1998
23. Mongolia- 01.12.1998
24. Morocco - 13.02.1999
25. Indonesia (MOU) 08.02.2000
26. Cambodia (MOU) 18.02.2000
27. Italy 26.06.2000
28. Tunisia 08.12.2000
29. Vietnam - 08.01.2001
30. China 14.01.2002
31. Australia (MOU) 22.4.2002
32. Kazakhstan 03.06.2002
33. Ukraine - 12.08.2003
34. Thailand - 09.10.2003
35. Tajikistan- - 14.11.2003
36. Sri Lanka (MOU) 23.1.2004
37. Brazil 25.1.2004
38. Serbia (MOU) 2.11.2004
39. Fiji 10.10.2005
40. Afghanistan 06.12.2005
41. Philippines 04.2.2006
42. France (MoU) 20.2.2006
43. Jordan 1.12.2006