

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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TOURISM INDUSTRY IN KARNATAKA
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether a survey carried out by Confederation of Indian Industry, Southern Region has revealed that the tourism sector posted the highest growth of nearly 30 per cent last year ;
- (b) If so, the details of the survey ;
- (c) Whether tourism industry in Karnataka reported an over 25 per cent growth in profits in 2005-06; and
- (d) If so, the details thereof ?

Answer

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

(a) and (b): Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), Southern Region, conducts bi-annual Industry Monitor Survey covering five core industries specific to States/UT of Southern Region comprising Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and UT of Pondicherry. Tourism is identified as a core industry of Kerala and Pondicherry by CII, and they conduct primary survey in the tourism sector in these two States/UTs only. Thus, CII do not cover tourism in Karnataka in their survey. Major findings of CII Survey, which is based upon the responses from selected companies within the industry, in respect of the performance of the tourism sector in Kerala and Pondicherry for April 2005-September 2005 and October 2005-March 2006 are as under :-

S. No	Factor	Tourism Industry Performance for 2005-06 vis-à-vis 2004-05			
		Kerala	Pondicherry		
		Apr '05-Sep '05	Oct '05-Mar '06	Apr '05-Sep '05	Oct '05-Mar '06
1.	Inflow of tourists	Increased	Increased	Increased	Increased
		(up to 10%)	(15-20%)	(up to 10%)	(10-20%)
2.	Foreign Exchange	Decreased	Increased	Increased-	Increased
		(up to 10%)	(20%)	(up to 5%)	(10%)
3.	Profit Margins	Same	Increased	(5-10%)	Same
4.	Employment	Same	Same	Same	Same

(c) and (d): As stated above, CII do not cover tourism in Karnataka in their survey. No estimates of profits in tourism industry in Karnataka are available with this Ministry.
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