

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
LOK SABHA**

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INDIAN RESTAURANTS ABROAD
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether ITDC has received any offers to open Indian restaurants abroad;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any plans have been finalised in this regard;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps being taken to improve the hospitality ventures within the country?

Answer

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

- (a): No, Sir.
- (b), (c) & (d): Do not arise.
- (e): The following steps are being taken to improve the hospitality ventures within the country:-
 - (i) Repairs, maintenance and renovation works are carried out in ITDC hotels through internal generation of funds to maintain minimum international standards.
 - (ii) ITDC also mobilizes funds for renovation plan through market borrowing from financial institutions/banks.
 - (iii) New services/facilities are being provided in the hotels to make them more competitive.
 - (iv) ITDC has also allowed private participation in the operation of restaurants, showrooms, health clubs etc. in Delhi based hotels by leasing them to private parties on licence basis.