

for Destinations and Circuits (PIDDC) project, the Ministry of Tourism extends financial assistance for the projects of infrastructure development including that of last mile connectivity. However, the Ministry of Tourism has sanctioned Central Financial Assistance of Rs. 67.28 crore and Rs. 57.59 crore under Tenth and Eleventh Plan period respectively for development of tourism infrastructure in the state including assistance for last mile connectivity.

#### **International tourist arrivals**

2767. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) the steps outlined in the Union Budget 2013-14 in order to boost tourism sector of the country;
- (b) the current share of international tourist arrivals that India enjoys;
- (c) the long-term target of the Ministry for the share of international tourist arrivals;
- (d) the estimated amount of employment that this expansion will lead to; and
- (e) the steps being taken to bring about this change?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (DR. K. CHIRANJEEVI): (a) to (e) The Planning Commission of India has made budget allocation of Rs. 1282.00 crore for the Ministry of Tourism for the year 2013-14. India's share in the International Tourist Arrivals in 2012 was 0.64% (provisional). The Ministry of Tourism would endeavour to increase India's share in the International Tourist Arrivals to at least 1% by the end of 12th Five Year Plan. The proposed growth, if takes place, will lead to creation of approximately 2.45 crore additional jobs directly or indirectly relating to the Tourism Sector, over the base of 2010.

The Ministry of Tourism, *inter-alia*, is planning to develop additional infrastructure, broad base Human Resource Development, expand range of tourism destinations and products, and undertake aggressive promotional and marketing activities in order to achieve the proposed goal.