

Pradesh, Jammu and Kashmir, Karnataka, Kerala, Maharashtra, Odisha, Punjab, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, Andhra Pradesh and Sikkim have deployed tourist police, in one form or the other for the safety and security of Tourists.

- (ii) The Bureau of Police Research and Development, Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India, has constituted a Committee with Ministry of Tourism as a member for the purpose of setting up of Dedicated Call Centres with Police Personnel at important tourist destinations with high footfalls. The Ministry of Home Affairs has also addressed letters to Chief Secretaries/ Administrators of States / Union Territories for implementation of pilot projects on Tourist Police at important tourist places.
- (iii) The Ministry of Tourism has launched the 24x7 Multi-Lingual Tourist Info-Helpline on the toll free number 1800111363 or onashortcode 1363 in 12 Languages including 10 international language, Hindi & English in February 2016, for domestic and foreign tourists to provide support service in terms of information relating to Travel in India and also offers appropriate guidance to tourists in distress while travelling in India.
- (iv) The Ministry of Tourism along with all stakeholders, including the Tourism Departments of all States and UTs, have adopted the 'Code of Conduct for Safe & Honourable Tourism' which is a set of guidelines to encourage tourism activities to be undertaken with respect for basic right like dignity, safety and freedom from exploitation of both tourists and local residents in particular, women and children.

Job creation through tourist sites

1120. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken note of large-scale scope for creation of employment at tourist destinations and has undertaken a serious home work to exploit the resource;

(b) if so, the details thereof, including the names of tourist destinations where the local people have really been benefitted out of the initiative taken by Government; and

(c) whether Government has any plan to identify new tourist destinations in each State of the country which could be promoted and developed as potential tourist destinations with basic tourism facilities based upon specially drawn-up master plans in the next three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI PRAHALAD SINGH PATEL): (a) and (b) Yes Sir. The Ministry of Tourism started the Destination Based Skill Development training programme at 7 Iconic Sites *i.e.* Taj Mahal at Agra, Humayun Tomb, Red Fort, Qutub Minar at Delhi, Mahabodhi Temple at Bihar, Colva Beach at Goa and Kaziranga at Assam from 2019-20 to train, upgrade and sensitize the local people residing near these tourism sites and destinations.

This programme is continued in FY 2020-21 at more than 150 new destinations. The state-wise details are given in the Statement (*See below*).

(c) Development of tourism spots, is primarily the responsibility of the concerned State Government/ Union Territory Administration. However, Ministry of Tourism, Government of India under its schemes of Swadesh Darshan, PRASHAD and Assistance to Central Agencies, provides central financial assistance to State Governments/ Union Territories/ Central Agencies for development of tourism related infrastructure and facilities to provide an enriching tourism experience to visitors. The projects under the schemes are identified for development in consultation with State Governments/ UT Administrations and are sanctioned subject to availability of funds, submission of suitable detailed project reports, adherence to scheme guidelines and utilization of funds released earlier.

Statement

State-wise number of destinations where skill development activities to be conducted in FY 2020-21

Sl. No.	State	No. of sites/destinations
1.	Tamil Nadu	6
2.	Uttar Pradesh	9
3.	Karnataka	6
4.	Andhra Pradesh	7
5.	Maharashtra	9
6.	Telangana	5
7.	West Bengal	5

Sl. No.	State	No. of sites/destinations
8.	Madhya Pradesh	11
9.	Gujarat	7
10.	Rajasthan	7
11.	Punjab	5
12.	Uttarakhand	8
13.	Jharkhand	4
14.	Bihar	4
15.	Delhi	5
16.	Chhattisgarh	4
17.	Jammu and Kashmir	7
18.	Himachal Pradesh	7
19.	Kerala	4
20.	Odisha	10
21.	Goa	2
22.	Assam	5
23.	Haryana	5
24.	Sikkim	5
25.	Meghalaya	2
26.	Arunachal Pradesh	4
27.	Tripura	3
28.	Manipur	2
29.	Nagaland	2
30.	Mizoram	6
31.	Chandigarh	2
32.	Puducherry	2
33.	Ladakh	5
34.	Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu	2
35.	Lakshadweep	2
36.	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	4
TOTAL		183