

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM

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IMPACT OF COVID-19 PANDEMIC ON TOURISM SECTOR

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Will the Minister of **TOURISM** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has analyzed the impact of lockdown and pandemic on tourism sector in the country;
- (b) the details of economic loss and job loss in various sectors under the tourism sector;
- (c) the actions taken by Government to boost and promote domestic tourism in the wake of easing restrictions and unlocking, the details thereof; and
- (d) the actions taken by Government to make tourist places like monuments, museums and heritage sites safe and accessible to tourists following health protocols and the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)

(SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL)

(a) & (b): Sir, since the situation is still evolving, the final impact in numerical terms can only be ascertained in due course. However, the Ministry has held several rounds of discussions and brainstorming sessions with industry stakeholders to assess the impact on the segment and has recently engaged the National Council for Applied Economic Research (NCAER) to conduct study on “India and the Coronavirus Pandemic: Economic Losses for Households Engaged in Tourism and Policies for Recovery”.

(c): The Ministry has launched the Dekho Apna Desh(DAD) initiative to promote domestic tourism. DAD is promoted extensively on social media accounts and website of the Ministry and by Domestic India Tourism offices. The Ministry and the Regional Offices are regularly communicating with the travel industry and other stakeholders on issues related to opening up of tourism sector, handling of tourists, protocols of safety and security, service standards etc.

(d): The Ministry of Culture and Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) have announced opening of centrally protected monuments / museums from 06th July 2020, by completely abiding safety protocols issued by the Ministry of Home Affairs and Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.
