

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.157
ANSWERED ON 02.02.2021

EFFECTS OF LOCKDOWN ON TOURISM SECTOR

157. Shri Anil Desai:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government has to order lockdown in various parts of the country to curb the spread of COVID-19;
- (b) if so, the effect of complete lockdown announced and implemented by Government on the tourism sector;
- (c) whether there is any plan to open tourism sector gradually; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and, if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
(SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. The closure of the travel and tourism industry has had a cascading effect on the revenue and jobs in the sector and adversely affected the livelihood of people dependant on tourism.

(c) & (d): The Government made a considered plan for unlock of the tourism sector in various phases.

From Unlock 1.0 to Unlock 5.0 opening up of hotels, restaurants, banquets, halls, bars, spas, gyms without any restrictions of timings have been permitted in areas outside the Containment Zone, limited domestic flights are permitted to ply and restrictions on inter state and intra state movement of persons have been removed, international air travel permitted under Vande Bharat Mission and social/entertainment/cultural functions and other congregations have been permitted outside containment zones.
