

22.5% Growth in Foreign Tourist arrivals in June, 2017 over June, 2016

Ministry of Tourism compiles monthly estimates of Foreign Tourist Arrivals (FTAs) & FTAs on e- Tourist Visa on the basis of Nationality-wise, Port-wise data received from Bureau of Immigration (BOI).

Smt. Smriti Zubin Irani assumes additional charge of Ministry of I&B

Smt. Smriti Zubin Irani, Minister for Textiles assumed additional charge as Minister for Information & Broadcasting here today.

Government clarifies that accommodation in any hotel, including 5-star hotels, having a declared tariff of a unit of accommodation of less than INR 7500 per unit per day, will attract GST @ 18% ; Star rating of hotels is, therefore, irrelevant for determining the applicable rate of GST.

Reports have been received expressing doubts whether 5-star Hotels are liable to pay GST @ 28% irrespective of the declared tariff of a unit of accommodation.

Depression over Northwest & adjoining West-Central Bay of Bengal and coastal areas of Odisha & North Andhra Pradesh

The depression over northwest and adjoining West-Central Bay of Bengal & coastal areas of Odisha remained practically stationary in past 3 hours and lay centred at 1130 hrs IST of today, the 18 th July, 2017 near latitude 19.0° N and longitude 86.0 °E, about 120 km east-southeast of Gopalpur and 80 km south-southeast of Puri.

PRESS COMMUNIQUE

The President of India, as advised by the Prime Minister, has accepted the resignation of Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu, from the Council of Ministers, with immediate effect, under clause (2) of Article 75 of the Constitution.