

Proceedings of the Meeting held under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Minister Tourism & OLLC, Govt. of Odisha on 7.8.2019 at Odisha Secretariat regarding some issues of HRAO

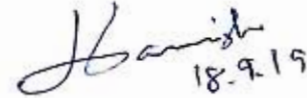
A meeting was held on 7/8/2019 under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Minister Tourism & OLLC, Govt. of Odisha regarding some issues of Hotel & Restaurant Association (HRAO). The following points were discussed during the Meeting.

Hon'ble Minister Tourism welcomed all the members of HRAO present in the meeting. After detailed discussion on several issues, the following decisions were taken.

1. As regards New Tourism Policy 2020 which is in the draft stage, HRAO Chairman requested to have Industry consultation and inputs taken care of before drafting the New Tourism Policy.
2. As regards inclusion of some important destinations of Odisha in the Iconic city list prepared by the Ministry of Tourism, it was decided that effort must be taken to build pressure from all corners to include Puri and Bhubaneswar in the iconic city list which is missing.
3. The members of HRAO urged to operate more domestic and international flight to and from BPI Airport at Bhubaneswar. International Airlines such as Etihad, Fly Dubai and Singapore Airlines to be requested to connect to Bhubaneswar. The Ministry of Civil Aviation to be requested and Director Tourism to follow up with Ms. Usha Padhee, IAS, Jt. Secretary, Ministry of Civil Aviation.
4. In domestic sector, Ahmedabad and Varanasi to connect with Bhubaneswar for which Indian carrier such as Spice Jet, Vistara and Go Air shall be requested.
5. Keeping in view MICE as a growing sector it was decided that a separate brochure on MICE and a new brochure on Bhubaneswar shall be published incorporating new areas of Bhubaneswar. The map quality of Odisha Map shall be improved which will be of international standard.
6. Establishment of a Convention centre at Bhubaneswar was discussed. Minister Tourism urged that the matter which is pending with IDCO, the Director Tourism to follow up and submit status of the same.
7. Development of Chilika Lake was discussed. The PMU shall submit the detail plan and submit the report to Minister Tourism. OTDC shall come with detail proposal and convey the status and discuss with Minister Tourism.
8. The members of HRAO requested the Minister to display the land parcel availability in the website or advertise so that interested bidders will get information for investment. A meeting may be convened inviting Minister Industries and IDCO for settling issues relating to land banks / parcels as prime lands are in the hand of IDCO.
9. Post Fani, to attract more tourists from West Bengal, it was decided that a Press Meet may be organised at Kolkata during Roadshow.

10. The members of HRAO urged to move to Finance Department and Ministry of Tourism to accord moratorium in term loans and interest for 2 years to the hotels affected by Fani in Puri, Bhubaneswar and Cuttack districts.
11. It was also decided that the Director may take a meeting at his level regarding waiver of Sarai Act and a letter may be given to Excise Department for exemption of Bar Licence Fee.
12. The Urban Development and Municipal Commissioners shall be requested to clear garbage lying in the vicinity of hotels.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.



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