

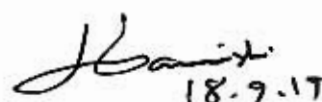
**Proceedings of the Meeting held on 27.08.2019 under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Minister Tourism with Tour Operators and Travel Agents.**

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A meeting with the Tour Operators and Travel Agents was held on 27.08.2019 under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Minister Tourism in the presence of Commissioner-cum-Secretary, Tourism and Director and Addl. Secretary Tourism. Hon'ble Minister Tourism welcomed all the members present and urged them to make all efforts to make Odisha one of the leading State in India and increase the tourist inflow to the State. The meeting was convened to discuss on issues of the tour operators relating to organization of roadshows and OTB 2019. During the meeting the following decisions were taken.

1. The stakeholders requested that the DoT should support the Stakeholders while participating in domestic roadshows with some financial incentives. It was decided that the MoT Guidelines shall be referred to and similar detailed guidelines may be drawn up in this regard providing financial incentives to the participants.
2. Basing on the suggestions of the Tour Operators it was decided that, more time should be given to B2B meeting which was accepted.
3. It was also decided that in case of change and rescheduling of dates of the roadshows due to some unforeseen reasons, if any stakeholder has booked the ticket earlier, the cancellation charges shall be reimbursed by Department of Tourism on production of relevant documents.
4. For participation in International Tourism Events, Stakeholders have requested to include cost of accommodating and travel where maximum upto INR 75000/- may be reimbursed towards cost of return airfare and accommodation for participation in international tourism events. After detailed discussion it was decided that MoT Guidelines shall be referred to fair period. Similar guidelines may be drawn up.
5. Participation of Stakeholders in national tourism events was discussed. They requested that the participation fees of Rs. 5000/- may be collected as advance and later may be returned to them on participation and if one dose not participate, the participation fee deposited may be forfeited.
6. The requests of the stakeholders will be taken in to consideration based on merit and appropriate decisions will be taken, if need be, by revising /amending Tourism Policy / ASP Guidelines issued by the Tourism Department.

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

  
18.9.17

**Minister, Tourism & OLLC Department**