

Update on IATO Activities

(Monday, 21st June to Sunday, 27th June 2021)

Dear Members,

Greetings !

Please find appended relevant activities of our association for the period (Monday, 21st June to Sunday, 27th June 2021)

Segments covered are

- 1. Communication / Letters that addressed key issues**
- 2. Webinars/ Panel
Discussions/Circulars/Meetings/Chapter news**
- 3. Chapter News**

Request your feedback to further the content of our weekly report.

1. Communication / Letters that addressed key issues

Segment 1 update sequence by date:21 June

Monday, 21st June

- **IATO offers MOT GOI Inputs on National Strategy and Roadmap for Sustainable Tourism**

In response to a mail from MOT GOI, IATO wrote to Mr. Om Prakash, Under Secretary (Niche Tourism) and detailed on both Generic and Specific inputs on the National Strategy and Roadmap for Sustainable Tourism

2. Webinars/ Panel

Discussions/Circulars/Meetings

Segment 2 update sequence by date:21,23,24 June

Monday, 21st June

- **Ministry of Culture, Govt. of India Celebrated International Day of Yoga on 21 June, 2021**

- **All Members in the Final List of Sub Committees (which was attached) were detailed on the Guidelines of the Committees.**

Wednesday, 23rd June

- **Webinar on *Start-ups & Investing* was held on Wednesday, the 23rd June 2021 at 1600 hours**

Thursday, 24th June

- **Members were detailed on the List of Documents required for Change of Name/Address of the Tourism Service Providers (Tour Operator/Travel Agent/ Tourist Transport Operator) reg.**
- **All members were requested to offer their Inputs in a prescribed format regarding revised MDA Guidelines for overseas promotion w.e.f. 1st January, 2021**

Ministry of Tourism, Govt. of India had revised MDA Guidelines for overseas promotion w.e.f. 1st January 2021, and the same were circulated to all IATO members. In the revised MDA guidelines for overseas promotion, a clause of minimum turnover of Rs. 2 crore foreign exchange earnings were added for which IATO requested the Ministry to remove this clause. **While pursuing with the Ministry, it was informed to us by the Ministry that none of our members whose turnover is below Rs. 2 crore foreign exchange earnings have claimed MDA reimbursement in the financial year 2018-19 and/or 2019-20.**

While pursuing with the Ministry, by the Ministry to submit information about the number of members whose turnover was below 2 crores foreign exchange earnings and have availed MDA Scheme in 2018-19 and 2019-20 so that IATO's request for removing clause of Rs. 2 crore turnover could be considered.

Presidents follow up with various Ministries on SEIS, TCS and other issues: - Mr. Rajiv Mehra continued follow up with Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Commerce, DG DGFT directly and through Ministry of Tourism, Government of India and we have been given to understand that everything has been finalised and will be announced soon.

Similarly, Mr. Mehra also followed up through Additional Director General, Ministry of Tourism regarding our request to withdraw Tax Collection at Source (TCS) and this should not be applicable on foreign tourists whose bookings for overseas packages are made by the Indian tour operators as foreign tourists do not hold

PAN Card and are not liable to pay tax. Things are moving on the right direction and we hope some positive outcome on the matter. Mr. Mehra continued to follow up with the Ministry about opening of e-Tourist Visa and international flights and same should be announced in advance so that our foreign counterparts can be informed and they can start preparing for bookings to travel to India.

3. Chapter News

Segment 3 update sequence by date:25, 26 June

Friday, 25th June



👉📢 **suspended nearly 2 yrs ago, after the boat mishap at Papikondalu. Mr Ranga Reddy sent this message on Whats Ap and credited IATO for the regular follow up on the issue.**

Saturday, 26th June

- **Mr Ranga Reddy wrote to Mr Jayesh Ranjan Principal Secretary Tourism, Telangana and offered inputs on Post Covid Revival Plan for the State.**
