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LACK OF TOILETS AND POOR HYGIENE COST INDIA MILLIONS IN TOURISM

A lack of toilets and poor hygiene practices in India cost its economy almost \$54 billion every year, including an estimated \$260 million in lost tourism receipts, the World Bank said in a report.

Revenue from potential tourism suffered from the lack of proper sanitation, Christopher Juan Costain, the World Bank's head of a program for South Asia's water and sanitation, said Monday.

"We all hear about people worrying over Delhi Belly, but tourists are reluctant to come here due to health concerns like this, and this is losing India money," he said. (REUTERS)