

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1901#
ANSWERED ON 16.03.2023

INFLOW OF FOREIGN TOURISTS

1901# SHRI NARAIN DASS GUPTA:

Will the Minister of **TOURISM** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the inflow of foreign tourists has increased after abatement of the COVID-19 pandemic in the country;
- (b) whether any special discounts and facilities are being given to foreign tourists visiting India; and
- (c) if so, the details of foreign tourists that came to India during 2021 and 2022, month-wise, along with the amount of foreign exchange earned?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM

(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

(a) & (c): Yes, Sir. The inflow of foreign tourists has increased after abatement of the COVID-19 pandemic in the country. The month-wise details of Foreign Tourist Arrivals (FTAs) in India and Foreign Exchange Earnings (FEEs) through tourism in India during 2021 and 2022 is placed at Annexure.

(b): Post-Covid, to revive inbound tourism and attracting foreign tourists in the country, Government of India extended first 5 lakh visas to the foreign tourists from potential tourism markets, free of cost. The benefit of free of charge visa was available only once per tourist during the issuance of the first 5 lakh tourist visas. The scheme was valid till 31.03.2022.

ANNEXURE

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) & (c) OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1901# ANSWERED ON 16.03.2023 REGARDING INFLOW OF FOREIGN TOURISTS

Foreign Tourist Arrivals (FTAs) in India during 2022 with comparative figures of 2021

Month	2021	2022 @	Growth 2022/21 @
January	94,662	2,01,546	112.9%
February	1,10,312	2,40,896	118.4%
March	1,33,768	3,42,308	155.9%
April	78,718	3,92,930	399.2%
May	19,765	4,23,701	2043.7%
June	36,070	5,22,737	1349.2%
July	72,501	6,40,858	783.9%
August	92,728	4,98,243	437.3%
September	1,15,661	5,36,340	363.7%
October	1,91,415	6,56,895	243.2%
November	2,63,867	7,68,675	191.3%
December	3,17,647	9,66,270	204.2%
Total (Jan-Dec)	15,27,114	61,91,399	305.4%

@: Provisional

Source: Bureau of Immigration

Foreign Exchange Earnings (FEEs) in India through tourism (in Rs. crore) during 2022 with comparative figures of 2021

Month	2021	2022 #1	2022/21 #1
January	4,700	3,587	-23.68%
February	5,477	4,281	-21.83%
March	6,642	6,105	-8.09%
April	6,891	9,611	39.47%
May	1,730	10,363	498.99%
June	3,157	12,766	304.36%
July	4,105	15,496	277.50%
August	5,251	12,074	129.93%
September	6,549	13,064	99.48%
October	5,094	13,046	156.11%
November	7,022	15,149	115.74%
December	8,452	19,002	124.82%
Total (Jan-Dec)	65,070	1,34,543	106.77%

#1: Provisional Estimates
