GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF TOURISM

RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2696 ANSWERED ON 23.03.2023

TOURISM IN KASHMIR

2696 SHRI KUMAR KETKAR:

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

(a) the status of tourism in Kashmir;

- (b) the exact statistics regarding the number of tourists that visited Kashmir, both Indian and foreigners, revenue earned in foreign currency and Indian Rupee, for five years preceding May, 2014; and
- (c) the statistics regarding number of tourists that visited Kashmir, both Indian and foreigners, revenue earned in foreign currency and Indian Rupee, after August, 2019 till December, 2022?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM

(a): Sir, Tourism in Jammu and Kashmir have shown good signs of improvement after pandemic in terms of both Indian tourists (64.5% growth during 2022 over 2021) and Foreign Tourists (1111.3% growth during 2022 over 2021).

(b) & (c): Month wise data of tourist visits is not maintained by Ministry of Tourism. However, the details of Foreign Tourists Visits (FTVs) and Domestic Tourists Visits (DTVs) in the former State of Jammu & Kashmir during 2010 to 2014 are given below:

	Former State of Jammu & Kashmir		
Year	DTVs	FTVs	
2010	9973189	48099	
2011	13071531	71593	
2012	12427122	78802	
2013	10891424	60845	
2014	9438544	86477	

Source: State Tourism Department

Note: Ladakh was part of Former State of Jammu & Kashmir.

Further, the details of Foreign Tourists Visits (FTVs) and Domestic Tourists Visits (DTVs) in the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir during 2019 to 2022 are given below:

	Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir	
Year	DTVs	FTVs
2019	16163330	57920
2020	2519524	5317
2021	11314920	1650
2022*	18617740	19987

Source: UT Tourism Department

Note: The above figures exclude figures of Union Territory of Ladakh.

*: Provisional

Revenue generated by tourism is not maintained by Ministry of Tourism. However, the Foreign Exchange Earnings (FEEs) in India through tourism during 2010 to 2022 is placed at Annexure.

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ANNEXURE

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (b) & (c) OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2696 ANSWERED ON 23.03.2023 REGARDING TOURISM IN KASHMIR

Foreign Exchange Earnings through tourism in India during 2010 to 2022

Year	FEE (In Rs. Crore)	FEE (In US\$ Million)
2010	66172	14490
2011	83036	17707
2012	95607	17971
2013	107563	18397
2014	120367	19700
2015	134844	21013
2016	154146	22923
2017	177874	27310
2018	194881	28586
2019	211661	30058
2020	50136	6958
2021	65070	8797
2022 #1	134543	16926

1: Provisional Estimates
