

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF TOURISM

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1415**  
ANSWERED ON 30.07.2026

**CONTRIBUTION OF TOURISM SECTOR**

1415 SHRI NARAIN DASS GUPTA:

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

- (a) whether Government has assessed the contribution of tourism sector in employment generation and Gross Domestic Product (GDP) during the last five years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, year-wise, and;
- (c) the measures being taken to further enhance tourism-led employment opportunities;
- (d) the number of domestic and foreign tourist arrivals in the country during the last five years, year-wise and State-wise;
- (e) the revenue earned from tourism during the said period; and
- (f) the factors responsible for increase or decline, if any, in tourist arrivals?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM

(SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a) and (b): The Ministry of Tourism derives the contribution of the tourism sector to employment generation based on the Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) conducted by Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation. The tourism sector's contribution to Gross Domestic Product (GDP) is calculated through Tourism Satellite Account (TSA). The Ministry of Tourism has taken steps to prepare the latest TSA. However, based on the last TSA, the tourism sector contributed 5.22% to the GDP.

The details of the tourism sector's contribution to employment over the last five available years are as follows:

| Year    | Total Tourism Employment (in crore) |
|---------|-------------------------------------|
| 2019-20 | 6.94                                |
| 2020-21 | 6.81                                |
| 2021-22 | 7.00                                |
| 2022-23 | 7.62                                |
| 2023-24 | 8.46                                |

(c): The Ministry of Tourism, under its "Capacity Building of Service Providers (CBSP)" scheme has stepped up its effort to create employable workforce in the tourism and hospitality sector by imparting training in the diverse streams such as Hunar Se Rozgar Tak (Skilling), Skill Testing & Certification (Re-skilling) and Entrepreneurship Programme (Up-skilling). These trainings are conducted through Central Institute of Hotel Management, State Institute of Hotel Management, Food Craft Institutes, State Government and their Tourism Boards and other empanelled agencies.

Further, the Ministry of Tourism has revamped the Swadesh Darshan Scheme as Swadesh Darshan 2.0, with the objective of developing sustainable and responsible tourism destinations. The Scheme, inter-alia, aims to create jobs, including self-employment, for local communities; enhance the skills of local youth in tourism and hospitality.

(d): The details of States /Union Territory-wise Domestic Tourist Visits (DTV) and Foreign Tourist Visits (FTVs) for the last five years is at **Annexure**.

(e): The Foreign Exchange Earnings (FEEs) earned from tourism over the period are as follows:

| Year | Foreign Exchange Earnings (Rs. in Crore) |
|------|------------------------------------------|
| 2021 | 63,978                                   |
| 2022 | 1,69,917                                 |
| 2023 | 2,66,045                                 |
| 2024 | 2,93,033                                 |
| 2025 | 2,76,831                                 |

(f): Tourist arrivals depend on various factors such as Tourist preference, visa regime. The growth in tourist arrivals is mainly driven by the increasing confidence in India as a diverse and culturally rich destination. Enhanced air connectivity has improved accessibility to key tourist spots, while continuous development of tourism infrastructure has elevated the visitor experience. Additionally, targeted domestic and international marketing campaigns have strengthened India's global appeal, positioning it as a premier destination for travelers worldwide. The Ministry of Tourism has taken several measures and initiatives to increase the inflow of tourists in the country, which include:

- Under the schemes of 'Swadesh Darshan', 'National Mission on Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD)' and 'Assistance to Central Agencies for Tourism Infrastructure Development' provides financial assistance to State Governments/ Union Territory Administrations/ Central Agencies for development of tourism related infrastructure and facilities at various tourism destinations in the country.
- Through various campaigns and events promotes various tourism destinations and products of India in domestic and international markets. Some of the initiatives are Dekho Apna Desh campaign, Chalo India campaign, International Tourism Mart, Bharat Parv.
- The Incredible India Content Hub was launched which is available in the public domain. Promotions are also carried out through the web-site – [www.incredibleindia.org](http://www.incredibleindia.org) and social media handles of the Ministry.
- Thematic tourism like wellness tourism, culinary tourism, rural, eco-tourism, etc. amongst other niche subjects are promoted so as to expand the scope of tourism into other sectors as well.
- E-visa facilities have been expanded and are now available to nationals of 174 countries across 33 designated airports, 35 seaports, and 4 land ports, making travel highly accessible.

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# ANNEXURE

## STATEMENT IN REPLY OF PART (D) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1415 ANSWERED ON 30.07.2026 REGARDING CONTRIBUTION OF TOURISM SECTOR RAISED BY SHRI NARAIN DASS GUPTA

### State/UT-wise Domestic Tourist Visits (DTV) and Foreign Tourist Visits (FTV) during 2021–2025 (in actual numbers)

| State/UT                  | 2021 DTV   | 2021 FTV | 2022 DTV    | 2022 FTV  | 2023 DTV    | 2023 FTV  | 2024 DTV    | 2024 FTV  | 2025 DTV    | 2025 FTV  |
|---------------------------|------------|----------|-------------|-----------|-------------|-----------|-------------|-----------|-------------|-----------|
| Andaman & Nicobar Islands | 126,238    | 1,687    | 235,061     | 4,461     | 323,189     | 9,025     | 710,397     | 11,497    | 802,017     | 10,849    |
| Andhra Pradesh            | 93,277,569 | 27,551   | 192,716,721 | 165,845   | 254,706,328 | 60,426    | 287,334,995 | 176,916   | 353,899,146 | 214,584   |
| Arunachal Pradesh         | 102,915    | 182      | 222,437     | 1,055     | 1,040,601   | 4,496     | 869,912     | 4,714     | 913,383     | 4,582     |
| Assam                     | 1,409,161  | 536      | 8,382,003   | 9,001     | 7,612,720   | 23,818    | 7,608,169   | 27,170    | 9,055,943   | 33,858    |
| Bihar                     | 2,501,193  | 1,046    | 25,330,364  | 86,829    | 81,585,701  | 546,576   | 65,463,304  | 736,720   | 65,468,527  | 743,888   |
| Chandigarh                | 228,809    | 5,451    | 3,027,165   | 28,439    | 365,591     | 31,498    | 998,605     | 39,058    | 1,183,503   | 39,502    |
| Chhattisgarh              | 4,747,417  | 8        | 23,636,291  | 238       | 26,022,069  | 953       | 31,487,900  | 3,485     | 31,877,925  | 1,516     |
| D&N Haveli & Daman & Diu  | 661,222    | 185      | 799,602     | 1,791     | 1,004,327   | 4,048     | 1,358,901   | 2,626     | 4,551,903   | 9,083     |
| Delhi                     | 10,642,477 | 100,178  | 27,186,209  | 815,713   | 39,414,622  | 1,828,116 | 46,257,000  | 1,999,410 | 67,331,689  | 2,426,684 |
| Goa                       | 3,308,089  | 22,128   | 7,011,992   | 174,799   | 8,175,460   | 452,692   | 9,941,286   | 467,911   | 10,314,548  | 551,272   |
| Gujarat                   | 24,525,210 | 11,319   | 135,811,325 | 1,777,215 | 178,066,579 | 2,806,871 | 184,014,075 | 2,274,477 | 220,426,104 | 2,339,604 |
| Haryana                   | 2,025,450  | 4,578    | 2,108,496   | 2,439     | 2,012,162   | 1,346     | 1,892,251   | 1,265     | 1,617,158   | 1,010     |
| Himachal Pradesh          | 5,632,270  | 4,932    | 15,070,944  | 29,333    | 15,942,118  | 62,806    | 18,041,929  | 82,765    | 14,411,327  | 84,828    |
| Jammu & Kashmir           | 11,314,920 | 1,650    | 18,499,332  | 19,985    | 20,679,336  | 55,337    | 23,012,707  | 65,452    | 17,728,980  | 36,410    |
| Jharkhand                 | 3,383,642  | 1,637    | 38,284,379  | 192,319   | 35,776,102  | 189,261   | 54,040,789  | 45,273    | 57,904,062  | 15,631    |
| Karnataka                 | 81,333,659 | 72,487   | 182,413,203 | 128,520   | 284,120,502 | 409,333   | 304,563,569 | 485,204   | 320,536,244 | 421,576   |

|                |                    |                  |                      |                  |                      |                   |                      |                   |                      |                   |
|----------------|--------------------|------------------|----------------------|------------------|----------------------|-------------------|----------------------|-------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| Kerala         | 7,537,617          | 60,487           | 18,867,414           | 345,549          | 21,871,641           | 649,057           | 22,246,989           | 738,374           | 25,066,366           | 821,999           |
| Ladakh         | 303,023            | 1,054            | 510,137              | 21,259           | 489,059              | 36,315            | 336,682              | 39,704            | 303,838              | 32,034            |
| Lakshadweep    | 13,500             | 4                | 22,844               | 125              | 45,796               | 755               | 67,430               | 898               | 53,357               | 517               |
| Madhya Pradesh | 25,554,067         | 41,601           | 35,848,781           | 204,454          | 111,946,409          | 182,685           | 133,176,410          | 167,535           | 139,596,049          | 181,743           |
| Maharashtra    | 43,569,238         | 185,643          | 111,297,624          | 1,511,623        | 161,359,527          | 3,387,739         | 189,371,541          | 3,705,170         | 275,649,215          | 4,496,965         |
| Manipur        | 49,371             | 648              | 139,518              | 3,908            | 57,701               | 3,668             | 29,102               | 2,518             | 25,281               | 2,892             |
| Meghalaya      | 154,409            | 411              | 937,091              | 7,774            | 1,402,624            | 20,023            | 1,585,535            | 23,075            | 1,848,239            | 7,116             |
| Mizoram        | 87,232             | 234              | 218,420              | 2,611            | 209,122              | 3,754             | 421,888              | 5,414             | 828,223              | 11,484            |
| Nagaland       | 23,968             | 325              | 97,431               | 2,923            | 99,720               | 4,725             | 125,516              | 5,623             | 127,428              | 5,425             |
| Odisha         | 3,742,221          | 2,269            | 7,867,909            | 22,121           | 9,725,184            | 45,173            | 10,998,819           | 53,392            | 12,797,919           | 62,115            |
| Puducherry     | 1,253,213          | 321              | 1,760,480            | 862              | 2,092,076            | 31,214            | 2,119,792            | 17,819            | 2,323,617            | 28,871            |
| Punjab         | 26,640,429         | 308,135          | 26,089,425           | 329,458          | 35,707,600           | 741,734           | 27,745,183           | 541,784           | 33,245,623           | 162,541           |
| Rajasthan      | 21,988,734         | 34,806           | 108,328,156          | 396,684          | 179,051,925          | 1,699,869         | 230,084,198          | 2,072,407         | 252,503,432          | 1,945,068         |
| Sikkim         | 511,669            | 11,508           | 1,625,573            | 68,645           | 1,321,169            | 93,908            | 1,540,421            | 84,820            | 1,654,838            | 68,992            |
| Tamil Nadu     | 115,336,719        | 57,622           | 218,584,846          | 407,126          | 286,011,515          | 1,174,899         | 306,842,014          | 1,161,302         | 364,315,607          | 1,648,449         |
| Telangana      | 32,000,620         | 5,917            | 60,748,425           | 68,401           | 58,447,573           | 160,912           | 88,239,675           | 155,313           | 84,884,316           | 171,812           |
| Tripura        | 177,816            | 5                | 235,600              | 8,493            | 366,104              | 66,708            | 600,651              | 90,824            | 681,103              | 27,320            |
| Uttar Pradesh  | 109,708,435        | 44,737           | 317,913,587          | 648,986          | 478,525,688          | 1,601,503         | 646,807,146          | 2,269,067         | 1,557,423,503        | 4,508,023         |
| Uttarakhand    | 19,434,475         | 8,532            | 54,642,559           | 61,561           | 57,570,578           | 143,027           | 60,849,060           | 139,375           | 61,411,411           | 158,390           |
| West Bengal    | 24,325,984         | 34,828           | 84,542,195           | 1,037,017        | 145,669,292          | 2,706,942         | 184,475,527          | 3,124,462         | 294,318,520          | 3,996,141         |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>677,632,981</b> | <b>1,054,642</b> | <b>1,731,013,539</b> | <b>8,587,562</b> | <b>2,508,817,710</b> | <b>19,241,212</b> | <b>2,945,259,368</b> | <b>20,822,819</b> | <b>4,287,080,344</b> | <b>25,272,774</b> |

Source: State/UT Tourism Department