

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3020
ANSWERED ON 13.08.2026

TOURIST INFRASTRUCTURE IN MOST VISITED DESTINATIONS

3020 SHRI ABDUL WAHAB:

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

- (a) the year-wise number of international tourists who visited India during the last five years, along with their country of origin;
- (b) the details of top ten source countries of foreign tourists, year-wise;
- (c) the details of most visited tourist destinations and States/UTs by foreign tourists;
- (d) whether Government has undertaken any study on changing tourist preferences, average duration of stay and expenditure patterns of foreign tourists; and
- (e) the measures taken to enhance tourism infrastructure in destinations witnessing the highest international tourist footfall?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM

(SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a) and (b): The Ministry compiles the number of International Tourist Arrivals (ITAs) in India, from the information provided by the Bureau of Immigration. This includes both Foreign Tourists Arrivals and Indian National Arrivals. The number of International Tourist Arrivals in India for the last five years is as follows:

International Tourist Arrivals from the year 2021 to 2025

Year	International Tourist Arrivals (in lakhs)
2021	70.10
2022	143.30
2023	188.99
2024	205.69
2025	202.18

Source: Bureau of Immigration

Year-wise details of top ten source countries of foreign tourists, during the last five years are **annexed**.

(c): The Ministry of Tourism compiles State/UT level number of Tourist visits from the information provided by the respective State Governments / UT Administrations. As per this information, the top five States/UTs in terms of Foreign Tourist Visits in 2025 are given below:

Top 5 States/UTs in terms of Foreign Tourist Visits in 2025

Rank	State/UT	Foreign Tourist Visits (in lakhs)
1	Uttar Pradesh	45.08

2	Maharashtra	44.97
3	West Bengal	39.96
4	Delhi	24.27
5	Gujarat	23.40

(d): The Ministry of Tourism periodically conducts International Passenger Survey to collect data on demographics, travel patterns, expenditure, and satisfaction of international passengers including foreign tourists. The average duration of stay of foreign tourists is periodically estimated based on the data provided by the Bureau of Immigration.

(e): Identification, development and promotion of tourism destinations and products is a continuous process primarily undertaken by the concerned State Government/Union Territory Administration. The Ministry of Tourism complements these efforts by extending financial assistance under its central sector schemes like Swadesh Darshan, PRASHAD, Challenge Based Destination Development, Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment, etc. These efforts include measures taken to enhance tourism infrastructure in destinations witnessing the highest international tourist footfall as well.

ANNEXURE

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (A) & (B) OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3020 ANSWERED ON 13.08.2026 REGARDING TOURIST INFRASTRUCTURE IN MOST VISITED DESTINATIONS RAISED BY SHRI ABDUL WAHAB

Top ten source countries of foreign tourists, during the last five years

Rank	Source Country	Foreign Tourist Arrivals (in number)
Year: 2021		
1	UNITED STATES	429,860
2	BANGLADESH	240,554
3	UNITED KINGDOM	164,143
4	CANADA	80,437
5	NEPAL	52,544
6	AFGHANISTAN	36,451
7	AUSTRALIA	33,864
8	GERMANY	33,772
9	PORTUGAL	32,064
10	FRANCE	30,374
Year: 2022		
1	UNITED STATES	1,403,399
2	BANGLADESH	1,277,557
3	UNITED KINGDOM	641,051
4	AUSTRALIA	376,898
5	CANADA	289,259
6	SRI LANKA	183,459
7	GERMANY	141,425
8	NEPAL	138,203
9	SINGAPORE	132,668
10	MALAYSIA	126,192
Year: 2023		
1	BANGLADESH	2,119,826
2	UNITED STATES	1,691,498
3	UNITED KINGDOM	920,591
4	AUSTRALIA	456,167
5	CANADA	385,938
6	SRI LANKA	280,327
7	MALAYSIA	262,458
8	GERMANY	223,575
9	NEPAL	195,445
10	FRANCE	188,981
Year: 2024		
1	UNITED STATES	1,804,586
2	BANGLADESH	1,750,165

3	UNITED KINGDOM	1,022,587
4	AUSTRALIA	518,205
5	CANADA	476,273
6	MALAYSIA	307,526
7	SRI LANKA	281,827
8	GERMANY	256,348
9	FRANCE	206,855
10	SINGAPORE	205,383
Year: 2025		
1	UNITED STATES	1,841,772
2	UNITED KINGDOM	1,084,310
3	AUSTRALIA	545,438
4	CANADA	544,326
5	BANGLADESH	468,621
6	MALAYSIA	336,832
7	SRI LANKA	306,421
8	GERMANY	273,526
9	JAPAN	219,174
10	NEPAL	218,641

Source: Bureau of Immigration
