

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3131  
ANSWERED ON 05.12.2016**

**IMPACT OF EPIDEMIC ON TOURISM**

**3131. SHRI CH. MALLA REDDY:**

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

- (a) whether tourism has been badly affected due to epidemic outbursts in the country in the recent past including a resultant decrease in the number of tourists;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government in this regard; and**
- (c) whether various industry associations have expressed concern that it will affect the tourism and aviation industry and if so, the details thereof and the response of the Government thereto?**

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)  
(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)**

**(a): No, Madam.**

**The Foreign Tourist Arrivals (FTAs) in India have continued to increase. The number of FTAs in India during January – October, 2016 were 6.96 million (Provisional) registering a double digit growth of 10.5% over same period of 2015.**

**(b): Does not arise.**

**(c): No such representations have been received in the Ministry.**

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