GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF TOURISM

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.†750 ANSWERED ON 21.11.2016

EFFECTS OF TERRORISM ON TOURISM

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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the tourism has been badly affected due to rising terrorist activities in Jammu and Kashmir and North-Eastern States from neighbouring countries;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has formulated any action plan in this regard; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) and (b): Though terrorist activities have, to some extent, affected tourism locally, they have not had an impact on overall tourism in the country. The number of Domestic Tourists Visits (DTVs) and Foreign Tourist Visits (FTVs) to different States/Union Territories (UTs) during 2015 have registered a positive growth of 11.6% and 4.4%, respectively.

The State/UT-wise break-up of DTVs and FTVs, including the States of Jammu & Kashmir and North Eastern States, during 2014 and 2015 are given in Annexure.

(c) and (d): Development and promotion of tourism sector is the responsibility of the State Governments and Union Territory Administrations. The Ministry of Tourism provides Central Financial Assistance (CFA), from various plan schemes, to them on receipt of proposals for tourism projects subject to adherence of existing

scheme guidelines, availability of funds and liquidation of utilisation certificates for funds released earlier.

In addition, Government has undertaken the following special measures for development and promotion of tourism in Jammu & Kashmir and North East Region:

- i. Provision of complimentary space to the State of Jammu & Kashmir and North Eastern States in India Pavilions set up at major International Travel Fairs and Exhibitions.
- ii. Government of India employees are allowed to convert their home town LTC to all India LTC for visiting Jammu & Kashmir and North East Region.
- 100% central financial assistance for organizing fairs & iii. festivals is allowed to the North Eastern States and the State of Jammu & Kashmir. Ministry of Tourism, as part of its on-going activities, annually releases print, electronic, online and outdoor media campaigns in the international and domestic markets, under the Incredible India brand-line, to promote various tourism destinations and products of the country, including the lesser known destinations which have tourism potential. The Ministry of Tourism has been releasing special campaigns on & Kashmir and North **East** Region **Doordarshan and Private TV channels to promote tourism** in the regions.

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) AND (b) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.†750 ANSWERED ON 21.11.2016 REGARDING EFFECTS OF TERRORISM ON TOURISM.

The number of Domestic and Foreign Tourist Visits to different States/UTs during 2014 and 2015

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No.	State/UT	Domestic	Foreign	Domestic	Foreign
1	Andaman & Nicobar Island	285146	17235	296684	14674
2	Andhra Pradesh	93306974	66333	121591054	237854
3	Arunachal Pradesh	335974	5204	352067	5705
4	Assam	4826702	21537	5491845	24720
5	Bihar	22544377	829508	28029118	923737
6	Chandigarh	1061419	28365	1073842	29538
7	Chhattisgarh	24488465	7777	18327841	6394
8	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	579638	1799	527782	1797
9	Daman & Diu	795167	4620	790911	5858
10	Delhi	22626859	2319046	25258051	2379169
11	Goa	3544634	513592	4756422	541480
12	Gujarat	30912043	235524	36288463	284973
13	Haryana	7467064	314757	7395496	303118
14	Himachal Pradesh	15924701	389699	17125045	406108
15	Jharkhand	33427144	154731	33079530	167785
16	J&K	9438544	86477	9145016	58568
17	Karnataka	118283220	561870	119863942	636502
18	Kerala	11695411	923366	12465571	977479
19	Lakshadweep	7315	514	17241	1173
20	Madhya Pradesh	63614525	316195	77975738	421365
21	Maharashtra	92632097	4389098	103403934	4408916
22	Manipur	115499	2769	146169	3260
23	Meghalaya	716469	8664	751165	8027
24	Mizoram	68203	921	66605	798
25	Nagaland	58507	2585	64616	2769
26	Odisha	10790622	71426	11786117	66971
27	Puducherry	1188093	83291	1297192	106153
28	Punjab	24271302	255449	25796361	242367
29	Rajasthan	33076491	1525574	35187573	1475311
30	Sikkim	562418	49175	705023	38479
31	Tamil Nadu	327555233	4657630	333459047	4684707
32	Telangana	72399113	75171	94516316	126078
33	Tripura	361247	26688	363172	34886
34	Uttar Pradesh	182820108	2909735	204888457	3104062
35	Uttarakhand	21991315	101966	29496938	105882
36	West Bengal	49029590	1375740	70193450	1489500
	Total	1282801629	22334031	1431973794	23326163

Source: State/Union Territory Tourism Departments
