GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF TOURISM

LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.*504 ANSWERED ON 10.04.2017

CRIME AGAINST FOREIGN TOURISTS

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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there has been an increase in the incidents of crime against foreign tourists in the country and if so, the details thereof along with the complaints received during the last two years, State/UT-wise and action taken by the Government thereon;
- (b) the effective steps taken/being taken by the Government to curb these crimes and to promote Indian tourism amongst foreign nationals;
- (c) whether the Government has formulated guidelines for safe, secured and dignified tourism and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether the Government has any plan to convene meetings on regular intervals with State Governments/UTs to review the safety measures for tourists and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.*504 ANSWERED ON 10.04.2017 REGARDING CRIME AGAINST FOREIGN TOURISTS.

(a): No, Madam.

The National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB), Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India, has informed that as per available information, a total of 384 cases in 2014 and 271 cases in 2015 were registered under crime against the foreign tourists showing a decrease of 29.4% during 2015 over 2014. NCRB has also informed that it does not maintain separate data on complaints received.

'State/UT-wise' and 'crime head wise' data for cases registered for crimes against foreign tourists for the year 2014-2015 is enclosed at Annexure I & II, respectively.

- (b): The measures taken by Ministry of Tourism to ensure the safety and security of tourists including foreign tourists are as given below:
 - The Ministry of Tourism has launched the 24x7 Toll Free Multi-Lingual Tourist Info-Helpline on the toll free number 1800111363 or on a short code 1363 in 12 Languages including 10 international languages and in Hindi & English in February 2016, for domestic and foreign tourists to provide support service in terms of information relating to Travel in India and also offers appropriate guidance to tourists in distress while travelling in India.

- ii) Ministry of Tourism has launched an initiative of presenting pre-loaded SIM Cards at the Indira Gandhi International Airport, New Delhi and Cochin Airport to foreign tourists arriving in India on e-Visa with the objective of providing instant connectivity.
- iii) A Welcome card with "Tips to enjoy your stay" is being handed over to foreign tourists on arrival to make the visit of tourists a memorable experience.
- iv) The State Governments/Union Territory Administrations of Andhra Pradesh, Goa, Karnataka, Kerala, Maharashtra, Himachal Pradesh, Rajasthan, Jammu & Kashmir, Uttar Pradesh, Delhi, Punjab, Madhya Pradesh and Odisha have deployed Tourist Police, in one form or the other.
- v) The Ministry of Tourism has launched Social Awareness Media Campaigns with the objective of sensitizing stakeholders in the tourism industry as well as the masses and general public about the importance of good conduct and behavior towards tourists and to reinforce the spirit of 'Atithidevo Bhava'.
- (c): Ministry of Tourism in the year 2010, has launched code of conduct to be adopted by the Indian travel and tourism industry for Safe and Honourable Tourism with the objectives to encourage tourism activities to be undertaken with respect to basic rights like dignity, safety and freedom from exploitation of both tourists and local residents, in particular women and children.

The Ministry of Tourism has issued the Guidelines on Safety and Security of Tourists for State Governments/Union Territories

and Tips for Travellers in September 2014 to stress the importance of safety and risk management, assist in identifying best practices and encourage closer cooperation for ensuring a pleasant experience to the tourists. The Guidelines are indicative references that may be useful to the States in sharing or adopting the best practices and design their domestic measures to better protect tourists.

(d): The Ministry of Tourism conducts a constant dialogue with State Governments/Union Territory Administrations, various tourism related institutions and stakeholders for drawing up strategies for development and promotion of tourism in the country including safe and honourable Tourism.

Ministry of Tourism organized the National Tourism Ministers' Conference on 18th July, 2013 and 21st August 2014 in New Delhi in which it was resolved that the Departments of Tourism of all States and UTs will work for ensuring the safety and security of tourists, especially women.

The Chief Ministers of the State Governments and Administrators of Union Territory Administrations have been advised to take immediate effective steps for ensuring a conducive and friendly environment for all tourists and also requested them to publicize the steps being taken/proposed to be taken to increase the sense of security amongst the present/prospective visitors and also to counter the negative publicity, if any.

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.*504 ANSWERED ON 10.04.2017 REGARDING CRIME AGAINST FOREIGN TOURISTS.

State/UT wise cases registered (CR), persons arrested (PAR), cases charge sheeted (CS), persons charge sheeted (PCS), cases convicted (CV) and persons convicted (PCV) under crime against foreign tourists during 2014-2015.

SI.	State/UT			20)14		
No.		CR	PAR	CS	PCS	CV	PCV
1	Andhra Pradesh	2	0	0	0	0	0
2	Arunachal Pradesh	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	Assam	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	Bihar	13	10	5	10	0	0
5	Chhattisgarh	0	0	0	0	0	0
6	Goa	66	43	27	32	2	4
7	Gujarat	3	0	0	0	0	0
8	Haryana	6	0	0	0	0	0
9	Himachal Pradesh	2	0	0	0	0	0
10	Jammu & Kashmir	1	1	1	1	0	0
11	Jharkhand	0	0	0	0	0	0
12	Karnataka	11	16	7	16	0	0
13	Kerala	7	4	5	2	0	0
14	Madhya Pradesh	2	1	1	1	0	0
15	Maharashtra	25	3	8	3	1	1
16	Manipur	0	0	0	0	0	0
17	Meghalaya	0	0	0	0	0	0
18	Mizoram	1	1	1	1	0	0
19	Nagaland	0	0	0	0	0	0
20	Odisha	0	0	0	0	0	0
21	Punjab	3	0	2	1	1	1
22	Rajasthan	31	12	8	12	0	0
23	Sikkim	0	0	0	0	0	0
24	Tamil Nadu	2	1	1	1	0	0
25	Telangana	2	0	2	0	0	0
26	Tripura	0	0	0	0	0	0
27	Uttar Pradesh	64	38	30	34	0	0
28	Uttarakhand	0	0	0	0	0	0
29	West Bengal	4	8	2	0	0	0
	TOTAL STATE(S)	245	138	100	114	4	6

30	A & N Islands	0	0	0	0	0	0
31	Chandigarh	2	0	0	0	0	0
32	D&N Haveli	0	0	0	0	0	0
33	Daman & Diu	0	0	0	0	0	0
34	Delhi UT	135	52	34	52	1	1
35	Lakshadweep	0	0	0	0	0	0
36	Puducherry	2	0	0	0	0	0
	TOTAL UT(S)	139	52	34	52	1	1
	TOTAL (ALL INDIA)	384	190	134	166	5	7

SI.	State/UT			201	5				
No.		CR	PAR	CS	PCS	CV	PCV		
1	Andhra Pradesh	1	2	2	2	1	1		
2	Arunachal Pradesh	0	0	0	0	0	0		
3	Assam	0	0	0	0	0	0		
4	Bihar	0	0	0	0	1	1		
5	Chhattisgarh	0	0	0	0	0	0		
6	Goa	26	23	22	29	1	1		
7	Gujarat	1	0	0	0	0	0		
8	Haryana	1	0	0	0	0	0		
9	Himachal Pradesh	1	0	0	0	0	0		
10	Jammu & Kashmir	0	0	0	0	0	0		
11	Jharkhand	0	0	0	0	0	0		
12	Karnataka	12	3	5	3	0	0		
13	Kerala	7	3	6	3	0	0		
14	Madhya Pradesh	1	2	2	2	0	0		
15	Maharashtra	36	38	8	18	0	0		
16	Manipur	0	0	0	0	0	0		
17	Meghalaya	0	0	0	0	0	0		
18	Mizoram	2	2	1	2	0	0		
19	Nagaland	0	0	0	0	0	0		
20	Odisha	2	0	0	0	0	0		
21	Punjab	13	2	1	1	0	0		
22	Rajasthan	20	7	5	7	1	1		
23	Sikkim	0	0	0	0	0	0		
24	Tamil Nadu	2	0	0	0	0	0		
25	Telangana	1	1	1	1	0	0		
26	Tripura	0	0	0	0	0	0		
27	Uttar Pradesh	32	11	10	11	0	0		
28	Uttarakhand	0	0	0	0	0	0		
29	West Bengal	0	0	0	0	0	0		
	TOTAL STATE(S)	158	94	63	79	4	4		

30	A & N Islands	0	0	0	0	0	0
31	Chandigarh	0	0	0	0	0	0
32	D&N Haveli	0	0	0	0	0	0
33	Daman & Diu	0	0	0	0	0	0
34	Delhi UT	113	18	11	17	1	1
35	Lakshadweep	0	0	0	0	0	0
36	Puducherry	0	0	0	0	0	0
	TOTAL UT(S)	113	18	11	17	1	1
	TOTAL (ALL INDIA)	271	112	74	96	5	5

Source: Crime in India

Disposal of cases/persons by police/courts may includes cases/persons of previous years also.

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.*504 ANSWERED ON 10.04.2017 REGARDING CRIME AGAINST FOREIGN TOURISTS.

Crime-head-wise cases registered (CR), persons arrested (PAR), cases charge sheeted (CS), persons charge sheeted (PCS), cases convicted (CV) and persons convicted (PCV) under crime against foreign tourists during 2014-2015

SI.	Crime Head			14			
No.							PC
		CR	PAR	CS	PCS	CV	V
1	Murder	4	9	2	8	0	0
2	Attempt to commit Murder	2	5	3	6	0	0
3	Culpable Homicide not amounting to Murder	1	0	0	0	0	0
4	Attempt to commit Culpable Homicide	0	0	0	0	0	0
5	Rape	17	34	10	25	0	0
6	Attempt to commit Rape	1	0	0	0	0	0
7	Assault on women with intent to outrage her Modesty	33	30	31	31	2	2
8	Insult to the Modesty of Women	3	3	0	2	0	0
9	Kidnapping & Abduction	1	1	0	0	0	0
10	Dacoity	0	0	0	0	0	0
11	Robbery	21	14	10	14	0	0
12	Grievous Hurt	1	0	0	0	0	0
13	Extortion	0	0	0	0	0	0
14	Cheating	17	8	2	2	0	0
15	Theft	223	35	36	36	1	3
16	Forgery	6	1	1	1	0	0
17	Importation of Girls from Foreign Country	0	0	0	0	0	0
18	Disclosure of Identity of Victims	0	0	0	0	0	0
19	Human Trafficking	0	0	0	0	0	0
20	Other IPC	28	25	16	19	1	1

21	Immoral Traffic (Prevention) Act, 1956	0	0	0	0	0	0
22	Indecent Representation of Women (Prohibition) Act, 1986	0	0	0	0	0	0
23	Other SLL	26	25	23	22	1	1
24	Total Crimes Committed against Tourist Foreigners	384	190	134	166	5	7

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SI.	Crime Head	2015							
No.		CR	PAR	CS	PCS	CV	PCV		
1	Murder	4	5	4	5	1	1		
2	Attempt to commit Murder	0	1	1	1	0	0		
3	Culpable Homicide not amounting to Murder	0	1	1	1	0	0		
4	Attempt to commit Culpable Homicide	2	2	1	2	0	0		
5	Rape	7	4	4	4	1	1		
6	Attempt to commit Rape	0	0	0	0	0	0		
7	Assault on women with intent to outrage her Modesty	15	12	16	14	0	0		
8	Insult to the Modesty of Women	1	0	0	0	0	0		
9	Kidnapping & Abduction	4	0	0	0	0	0		
10	Dacoity	0	0	0	0	0	0		
11	Robbery	9	7	6	7	0	0		
12	Grievous Hurt	4	0	0	0	0	0		
13	Extortion	0	0	0	0	0	0		
14	Cheating	4	9	4	10	0	0		
15	Theft	181	25	18	22	1	1		
16	Forgery	15	32	6	15	0	0		
17	Importation of Girls from Foreign Country	0	0	0	0	0	0		
18	Disclosure of Identity of Victims	0	0	0	0	0	0		
19	Human Trafficking	0	0	0	0	0	0		

20	Other IPC	24	12	12	12	1	1
21	Immoral Traffic (Prevention) Act, 1956	1	2	1	3	0	0
22	Indecent Representation of Women (Prohibition) Act, 1986	0	0	0	0	0	0
23	Other SLL	0	0	0	0	1	1
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