

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.†2334  
ANSWERED ON 31.07.2017**

**CONTRIBUTION OF TOURISM TO GDP**

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

- (a) whether huge growth has been registered in religious and medical tourism in the country during the recent years;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof including its contribution to Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of the country;**
- (c) whether the Government has taken any steps for promotion of tourism sector in the country;**
- (d) if so, the details of schemes proposed/formulated for development of tourism sector in the country;**
- (e) whether the outline prepared by the Government is likely to work in service sector also; and**
- (f) if so, the details thereof?**

**ANSWER**

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

**(a) & (b): The number of Domestic Tourist Visits to all States/Union Territories (UTs), including the visits for religious and medical purpose, has increased to 161.4 Crore in 2016 from 143.2 Crore in 2015, registering a growth of 12.7% in 2016 over 2015.**

**The number of Foreign Tourist Visits to all States/UTs, including the visits for religious and medical purpose, has increased to 2.5 Crore in 2016 from 2.3 Crore in 2015, registering a growth of 5.9% in 2016 over 2015.**

**The number of Foreign Tourist Arrivals, as differentiated from Foreign Tourist Visits, in India has increased to 88.0 lakh in 2016 from 80.3 lakh in 2015, registering a growth of 9.7% in 2016 over 2015.**

**As per the information available for the current year, the number of Foreign Tourist Arrivals in India during January-June 2017 were 48.8 lakh registering a growth of 17.2% over the same period of 2016.**

**As per the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tourism Satellite Account (TSA) of India - 2009-10 and subsequent estimation, the contribution of tourism to total Gross Domestic Product (GDP) during 2009-10, 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13 were 6.77%, 6.76%, 6.76% and 6.88% respectively**

**(c): Yes, Madam.**

**(d): The major schemes operated by the Ministry of Tourism for development and promotion of tourism in the country are given below:**

- Swadesh Darshan - Integrated Development of Tourist Circuits on Specific Themes**
- National Mission for Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual Augmentation Drive (PRASAD)**
- Overseas Promotion and Publicity including Market Development Assistance**
- Assistance to IHMs/FCIs/IITTM/NCHMCT**
- Domestic Promotion and Publicity including Hospitality**
- Capacity Building for Service Providers**
- Computerization and Information Technology**

**(e) & (f): Tourism is a demand based concept defined not by its output but by its use. It consumes the output of various industries like Passenger Transport (Air/ Rail/Road), Hotels & Restaurants, etc. The initiatives taken by the Ministry to boost tourism in the country under various schemes would in turn benefit the various service industries by way of increasing demands and inter-alia direct and indirect employment generation.**

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