

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.383
ANSWERED ON 18.12.2017**

IMPACT OF GST ON TOURISM SECTOR

383. SHRIMATI ARPITA GHOSH:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of tourists Domestic as well as International visited in different places of India after implementation of GST, State-wise;**
- (b) the impacts of GST in tourism industry; and**
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to encourage Domestic & International tourists?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
(SHRI K. J. ALPHONS)**

(a) and (b):The number of Foreign Tourist Arrivals (FTAs) in India during July – November 2017 was 41.16 lakhs (provisional) as compared to 36.14 lakhs during July – November 2016 registering double digit growth of 13.9%. As such no adverse impact of implementation of Goods & Services Tax (GST) is seen in tourist arrivals.

The break-up of FTAs at 10 major ports which contributes to 85.17% of total FTAs is given at ANNEXURE. State-wise break-up of FTAs and the number of Domestic Tourist Visits (DTV) for the year 2017 is not available.

(c): Ministry of Tourism has taken several steps for developing and promoting tourism to encourage more tourists in the country. Some of the major steps taken are as follows:

- Provision of e- Visa facility for 163 countries at 25 airports.**

- **Launch of 24X7 Toll Free Multi-Lingual Helpline.**
- **Distribution of 'Welcome Booklet' with information for tourists.**
- **Promotion of India under the Incredible India brand line.**
- **Launch of "Incredible India 2.0".**
- **Launch of Swachh Paryatan App.**
- **Promotion of Niche tourism products like Heritage Tourism, Adventure Tourism, Cruise Tourism, Rural Tourism, Wellness & Medical Tourism, MICE, Golf, etc.**
- **Organisation of International Tourism Mart for promotion of tourism in North Eastern States.**
- **Swadesh Darshan and PRASHAD (National Mission on Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation Drive) Schemes launched in the year 2014-15 with a vision to develop theme based tourist circuits for better amenities and infrastructure including at pilgrimage centres of all faiths.**

ANNEXURE

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) AND (b) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.383 ANSWERED ON 18.12.2017 REGARDING IMPACT OF GST ON TOURISM SECTOR.

The break-up of Foreign Tourist Arrivals (FTAs) during July, 2017 to November, 2017 at 10 major ports is as below:

Sl. No.	Port	FTAs (July – Nov 2017)
1	DELHI	1191523
2	MUMBAI	636939
3	HARIDASPUR	472744
4	CHENNAI	298413
5	BENGALURU	238352
6	KOLKATA	188332
7	HYDERABAD	138267
8	COCHIN	152167
9	AHMEDABAD	74539
10	GEDE RAIL	114133
	Total of 10 Major ports	3505409
	Others	610266
	Total	4115675
