

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3141
ANSWERED ON 06.08.2018**

CATEGORIZATION OF TOURIST PLACES

3141. SHRIMATI V. SATHYA BAMA:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has categorized various tourist places of our country according to their importance, number of tourists visiting both domestic and foreign tourists and their revenue generation;**
- (b) if so, the details of such categorization along with the name of such tourist places; and**
- (c) the number of tourist places in the States of Tamil Nadu, Kerala and Karnataka which have been identified or categorized as places of international tourist hub interest?**

ANSWER

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

(a) and (b): The Government of India has not done categorization of tourist places in India. However, the ranking of States/ Union Territories (UTs) is done on the basis of the information furnished by them on Domestic Tourist Visits (DTV) and Foreign Tourist Visits (FTV).

Accordingly, the ranking of various States/UTs in terms of DTVs and FTVs of 2017 is given in the Annexure.

(c): Pursuant to Budget announcements of 2018-19, Ministry of Tourism has identified 17 Iconic sites in 12 clusters in the country for development with following objectives:

- **Holistic development of selected Iconic Sites to global standards**
- **Develop sustainable tourism infrastructure**
- **Robust Operations and Maintenance plan**
- **Publicity & Promotion of Iconic Sites**
- **Employment generation through community participation**

The Iconic sites identified for the States of Tamil Nadu, Karnataka and Kerala are Mahabalipuram, Hampi and Kumarakom respectively.

ANNEXURE**STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) AND (b) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3141 FOR 06.08.2018 REGARDING CATEGORIZATION OF TOURIST PLACES.**

S. No.	State/ UT	DTV 2017 (P)	FTV 2017 (P)	Rank DTV 2017	Rank FTV 2017
1	A & N Islands	471919	15313	30	27
2	Andhra Pradesh	165433898	271362	4	15
3	Arunachal Pradesh	444005	7147	31	29
4	Assam	6052667	21760	22	26
5	Bihar	32414063	1082705	14	9
6	Chandigarh	1425781	31832	25	25
7	Chhattisgarh	12231935	6655	20	30
8	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	614182	1908	29	34
9	Daman & Diu	858131	5535	28	31
10	Delhi *	29114423	2740502	15	4
11	Goa	6895234	842220	21	10
12	Gujarat	48343121	448853	9	13
13	Haryana	6050325	193381	23	17
14	Himachal Pradesh	19130541	470992	16	12
15	Jammu & Kashmir	14235473	79765	18	22
16	Jharkhand	33723185	170987	13	18
17	Karnataka	179980191	498148	3	11
18	Kerala	14673520	1091870	17	8
19	Lakshadweep	6620	1027	36	36
20	Madhya Pradesh	78038522	359119	8	14
21	Maharashtra *	119191539	5078514	5	1
22	Manipur	153454	3497	33	33
23	Meghalaya	990856	12051	27	28
24	Mizoram	67772	1155	34	35
25	Nagaland	63362	4166	35	32
26	Odisha	14011229	100014	19	21
27	Puducherry	1531972	131407	24	20
28	Punjab	40293352	1108635	11	7
29	Rajasthan	45916573	1609963	10	5
30	Sikkim	1375854	49111	26	24
31	Tamil Nadu	345061140	4860455	1	2

S. No.	State/ UT	DTV 2017 (P)	FTV 2017 (P)	Rank DTV 2017	Rank FTV 2017
32	Tripura	398669	69899	32	23
33	Telengana	85266596	251846	6	16
34	Uttar Pradesh	233977619	3556204	2	3
35	Uttarakhand	34359989	133725	12	19
36	West Bengal	79687645	1574915	7	6
	Total	1652485357	26886638		

Source: State/Union Territory Tourism Departments

P: Provisional

***: Estimated using all India growth rate**
