

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1632
ANSWERED ON 13.02.2023**

**TOURIST DESTINATION IN MAHARASHTRA PREFERRED BY
FOREIGNERS**

1632. DR. SUBHASH RAMRAO BHAMRE:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the number of foreign tourists visiting India has sharply increased during each of the last three years;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the challenges faced by the Government to meet the target;**
- (c) the details of tourist destinations in Maharashtra preferred by foreign tourists and the effective steps taken by the Government to improve the quality and infrastructure facilities in these tourist destinations;**
- (d) whether the Government has taken any measures to improve the facilities and tourism-friendly initiatives, particularly in the State of Maharashtra and the Central Government expenditure for tourism in the State of Maharashtra during each of the last three years; and**
- (e) the other steps taken by the Government to boost tourism in the country?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM

(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

(a) & (b): There has been a sharp increase in Foreign Tourist Arrivals (FTAs) in India during year 2022 over year 2021 with a growth of 305.4%. The details of FTAs in India during 2020 to 2022 is given below:

	2020	2021	2022(P)
Foreign Tourist Arrivals in India (in Million)	2.74	1.52	6.19

P: Provisional; Source: Bureau of Immigration

Tourism economy has been badly affected during Covid-19 pandemic specially during 2020 & 2021.

(c) & (d): Ministry of Tourism does not maintain destination-wise data on tourist visits. However, State-wise Foreign Tourist Visits (FTVs) during 2019, 2020 & 2021 are given at Annexure-I.

Identification and development of tourist places is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments/ Union Territory Administrations. However, Ministry of Tourism, Government of India under its Schemes of Swadesh Darshan, PRASHAD and Assistance to Central Agencies, provides central financial assistance to State Governments/Union Territories/Central Agencies for development of tourism related infrastructure and facilities in the country including Maharashtra to provide an enriching tourism experience to visitors in a planned and phased manner. This is continuous process. The projects under the Schemes are identified for development in consultation with State Governments/ Union Territory (UT) Administrations and are sanctioned subject to availability of funds, submission of suitable detailed project reports, adherence to scheme guidelines and utilization of funds released earlier.

The details of project sanctioned under Swadesh Darshan scheme, PRASHAD scheme and Scheme of Assistance to Central Agencies for Tourism Infrastructure in the State of Maharashtra are given at Annexure-II.

(e): Ministry of Tourism promotes India as a holistic destination in the tourism generating markets to promote various Indian tourism products and tourism destinations of the country to increase India's share of the global tourism market.

The above objectives are met through an integrated marketing and promotional strategy, and a synergized campaign in association with the Travel Trade, State Governments and Indian Missions. The Government continuously engages with industry experts and other relevant stakeholders and take their suggestions and feedback for promotion of varied tourism products of India. In order to boost visitor arrival, Ministry of Tourism, Government of India has declared "Incredible India! Visit India Year 2023".

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (c) & (d) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1632 ANSWERED ON 13.02.2023 REGARDING TOURIST DESTINATION IN MAHARASHTRA PREFERRED BY FOREIGNERS.

State-wise Foreign Tourist Visits (FTVs) in India during 2019, 2020 & 2021

Sl. No.	State/UT	2019	2020	2021
		FTVs	FTVs	FTVs
1	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	16206	5412	1687
2	Andhra Pradesh	280356	67591	27551
3	Arunachal Pradesh	7825	961	182
4	Assam	26878	7285	536
5	Bihar	1093141	308080	1046
6	Chandigarh	44132	12218	5451
7	Chhattisgarh	6817	2322	8
8	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	1666	222	80
9	Daman & Diu	5703	1382	105
10	Delhi*	2983436	681230	100178
11	Goa	937113	302751	22128
12	Gujarat	595607	210047	11319
13	Haryana	48046	17474	4578
14	Himachal Pradesh	382876	42665	4932
15	Jammu & Kashmir	57920	5317	1650
16	Jharkhand	176043	490	1637
17	Karnataka	608754	165325	72487
18	Kerala	1189771	340755	60487
19	Lakshadweep	820	413	4
20	Ladakh	38652	1126	1054
21	Madhya Pradesh	327958	99819	41601
22	Maharashtra*	5528704	1262409	185643
23	Manipur	13608	3139	648
24	Meghalaya	25813	2311	411
25	Mizoram	2249	265	234
26	Nagaland	5577	518	325
27	Odisha	115128	10206	2269
28	Puducherry	149919	92080	321
29	Punjab	1101343	359114	308135
30	Rajasthan	1605560	446457	34806

31	Sikkim	133388	19935	11508
32	Tamil Nadu	6866327	1228323	57622
33	Telangana	323326	46694	5917
34	Tripura	154405	31877	5
35	Uttar Pradesh	4745181	890932	44737
36	Uttarakhand	152273	41339	8532
37	West Bengal	1656145	463285	34828
	Total	31408666	7171769	1054642

Source: State/Union Territory Tourism Departments

***Data for FTVs for Delhi and Maharashtra have been estimated using All India growth rate for that year.**

ANNEXURE-II**STATEMENT INREPLY TO PARTS (c) & (d) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1632 ANSWERED ON 13.02.2023 REGARDING TOURIST DESTINATION IN MAHARASHTRA PREFERRED BY FOREIGNERS.****List of projects sanctioned under Swadesh Darshan scheme:**

Sl. No.	State/ UT	Circuit / Sanction Year	Name of the Project	Amt. Sanctioned (₹ in crore)	Amt. Released (₹ in crore)
1	Maharashtra	Coastal Circuit 2015-16	Development of Sindhudurg Coastal Circuit - Sagareshwar, Tarkarli, Vijaydurg (Beach & Creek), Mitbhav	19.06	18.11
2	Maharashtra	Spiritual Circuit 2018-19	Development of Waki- Adasa- Dhapewada- Paradsingha- Telankhandi- Girad	53.96	32.04

List of project sanctioned under PRASHAD Scheme:

Sl. No.	State/UTs	Year of Sanction	Name of the Project	Amt. Sanctioned (₹ in crore)	Amt. Released (₹ in crore)
1	Maharashtra	2017-18	Development of Trimbakeshwar	52.92	27.67

List of Projects Sanctioned under the Scheme Assistance to Central Agencies for Tourism Infrastructure Development:

Sl. No.	Year	Name of State	Name of Project	Agency	Amt. Sanctioned (₹ in crore)	Amt. Released (₹ in crore)
1	2016-17	Maharashtra	Central Financial Assistance to Mumbai Port Trust for Development	Mumbai Port trust	15.00	15.00

			of KanojiAngre Lighthouse as a tourist Destination			
2	2017- 18	Maharashtra	Up-gradation/ modernization to International Cruise terminal at Indira Dock, Mumbai.	Mumbai Port Trust	12.50	12.50
3	2021- 22	Maharashtra	Upgradation/ Modernization to International Cruise Terminal at Indira Dock, Mumbai Port Trust	Mumbai Port Trust	37.50	18.75
