

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.†1804
ANSWERED ON 13.02.2023**

INFLOW OF FOREIGN TOURISTS

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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of foreign tourist arrivals in India during the last three years and the preferred choice of the Indian destinations for the said tourists;**
- (b) whether there has been a decline in the number of tourists arriving in India during the last few years and if so, the effective steps being taken to increase the inflow of tourists; and**
- (c) whether the Government proposes to develop more tourist places in the country and if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM

(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

(a) & (b): The details of Foreign Tourist Arrivals (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

There has been a decline in FTAs in India during pandemic. However, there has been a sharp increase in FTAs in India during year 2022 over year 2021 with a growth of 305.4%.

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.

Ministry of Tourism has taken several steps/initiatives to increase the inflow of tourists as per details given below:

- i. Launched Swadesh Darshan Scheme for the development of tourism related infrastructure in the country. The Ministry of Tourism has revamped its Swadesh Darshan Scheme as Swadesh Darshan 2.0 (SD2.0) with the objective to develop sustainable and responsible destinations following a tourist & destination centric approach.**
- ii. Lunched National Mission on Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD) Scheme for integrated development of identified pilgrimage destinations.**
- iii. 24x7 toll free Multi-Lingual Tourist Helpline.**
- iv. Providing facility of e-Visa for 5 sub-categories i.e. e-Tourist visa, e-Business visa, e-Medical visa, e-Medical Attendant visa and e-Conference visa for nationals of 165 countries.**
- v. E-Visa has been further liberalized and the visa fee has been substantially reduced.**
- vi. Development and promotion of 'Niche Tourism' products to attract tourist with specific interest and to ensure repeat visits for the unique products in which India has a comparative advantage.**
- vii. Promoting India as a holistic tourism destination including its various tourism sites and products through Ministry's social media handles and website.**
- viii. Conducting Programmes under the 'Capacity Building for Service Providers' (CBSP) Scheme to train and up-grade manpower to provide better service standards.**
- ix. New mountain peaks have been opened for Mountaineering/ Trekking to give boost to adventure tourism in the country.**
- x. Lowering of GST on hotels rooms with tariffs of ₹1,001 to ₹7,500/night to 12%, those above ₹7,501 to 18% to increase India's competitiveness as a tourism destination.**
- xi. On the recommendation of the Ministry of Tourism, 59 tourism routes have been awarded to the identified airlines by the Ministry of Civil Aviation under the RCS UDAN Scheme, for which Ministry of Tourism extends financial support in form of VGF (Viability Gap Funding). 51 of these routes have been operationalized till date.**

(c): Identification and development of tourist places is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations. However, Ministry of Tourism (MoT) under its Schemes of Swadesh Darshan, Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD) and Assistance to Central Agencies provides assistance to the State Governments/ Union Territory Administrations/Central Agencies for development of Tourism infrastructure in the country. The projects for development under the schemes are identified in consultation with the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations/Central Agencies and are sanctioned subject to availability of funds, submission of suitable detailed project reports, adherence to scheme guidelines and utilization of funds released earlier etc.

ANNEXURE**STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) & (b) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.†1804 ANSWERED ON 13.02.2023 REGARDING INFLOW OF FOREIGN TOURISTS.****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.**
