

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

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REVENUE GENERATED FROM RELIGIOUS CENTRES

3073. SHRI P.C. MOHAN:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there has been a substantive impact on religious tourism in India due to the Government's push to develop religious centres;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to make religious centres more inviting and hospitable; and**
- (d) the revenue generated through these religious centres during the last five years, year-wise?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM

(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

(a) & (b): No separate study on "substantive impact on religious tourism in India" has been instituted by Ministry of Tourism, Government of India. However, Foreign Tourists Visits and Domestic Tourists Visits for the last 5 years is as follows:

Parameter	Number of Domestic Tourist Visits (million)	Growth Rate (in %)	Number of Foreign Tourist Visits (million)	Growth Rate (in %)
2017	1657.6	2.61%	26.9	8.79%
2018	1854.9	11.84%	28.9	7.31%
2019	2321.98	25.26%	31.4	8.86%
2020	610.22	-73.72%	7.17	-77.17%
2021	677.63	11.05%	1.05	-85.29%
2022(P)	1433.92	111.61%	6.40	509.52%

P: Provisional

(c): Development of tourism is primarily the responsibility of the concerned State Government/Union Territory Administration, however, Ministry of Tourism under its scheme viz. National Mission on Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD) provides Financial Assistance to the State Governments/Union Territories for creation of pilgrimage and/or heritage tourism infrastructure at the pre-identified destinations across the country. Ministry of Tourism has approved a total number of 45 projects in the country under PRASHAD Scheme for an amount of Rs.1586.10 Crore so far.

(d): Ministry of Tourism does not maintain the revenue generated through religious centres. However, Foreign Exchange Earnings for the last 5 years is as follows:

Year	Rs. Crore	% Change
2018	1,94,881	9.6
2019	2,11,661	8.6
2020	50,136	-76.3
2021	65,070	29.8
2022 *	1,34,543	106.8

***: Provisional estimates**
