

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3397
ANSWERED ON 9.8.2021**

ONLINE TICKET FOR NIGHT VIEWING OF TAJ MAHAL

3397. SHRI RAJ KUMAR CHAHAR:

Will the Minister of Culture be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the problem of the visitors of Taj Mahal who plan to see it at night but have to buy physical tickets from the office of the ASI one day ahead of their day of visit;
- (b) if so, the action plan if any, for making the ticket for night viewing available online on the same day; and
- (c) the total number of year-wise visitors who visited Taj Mahal to see it at night and the amount collected from such visitors?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE, TOURISM AND
DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION

(SHRI G.KISHAN REDDY)

- (a)&(b) Archaeological Survey of India has been issuing tickets from its office at Agra, 24 hours in advance as per the directions dated 25.11.2004 by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in WP (Civil) No. 13381/1984 by M.C. Mehta vs Union of India.
- (c) The total number of year-wise visitors who visited Taj Mahal for night viewing and the amount collected from them is at **Annexure**.

ANNEXURE

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (c) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED
QUESTION NO. 3397 FOR 9.8.2021

**NUMBER OF VISITORS AND AMOUNT OF ENTRY FEE COLLECTED (YEAR-WISE)
FOR NIGHT VIEWING OF TAJ MAHAL**

Sl. No.	Number of visitors				Total Number of Visitors	Total Amount (Rs.)
	Year	Indian	Foreigner	Children		
1	Nov. 2004-2005	1651	1289	279	3219	1948260
2	2005-2006	1043	1201	204	2448	1534680
3	2006-2007	1011	1195	149	2355	1484860
4	2007-2008	1414	1788	268	3470	2191060
5	2008-2009	1220	1322	169	2711	1698200
6	2009-2010	1575	1903	308	3786	2380722
7	2010-2011	1818	1966	362	4146	2592688
8	2011-2012	2763	2803	378	5944	3700380
9	2012-2013	4687	3270	914	8871	5299870
10	2013-2014	4483	2855	776	8114	4815580
11	2014-2015	4976	1595	712	7283	4684790
12	2015-2016	7509	2454	1299	11262	6337950
13	2016-2017	5274	2071	720	8065	4602990
14	2017-2018	6639	2645	927	10211	5833140
15	2018-2019	5889	2561	997	9447	5422640
16	2019-2020	6813	1991	862	9666	5398880
