

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.†5948
ANSWERED ON 30.03.2026**

DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN TOURIST ARRIVALS IN GUJARAT

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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Gujarat has immense potential for tourism;**
- (b) if so, whether Gujarat is attracting more domestic and foreign tourists than other States of the country;**
- (c) if so, the details of number of domestic and foreign tourists visited Gujarat during the last three years and the current year, tourist destination-wise; and**
- (d) the details of steps taken/being taken by the Government for the development of these tourist destinations in Gujarat?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a) to (d): India including the State of Gujarat has immense tourism potential and is recognized for its rich cultural heritage, historical landmarks, and a diverse geography encompassing mountains, beaches, and forests, making it an ideal destination for various forms of tourism. According to the Travel and Tourism Development Index (TTDI) 2024, India is ranked 39th globally and holds the 1st position among SAARC countries.

As per the India Tourism Compendium 2025, Gujarat ranks 8th in terms of Domestic Tourist Visits and 3rd in terms of Foreign Tourist Visits in the country, indicating that Gujarat has immense potential for tourism.

The Number of domestic and foreign tourists who visited (DTV and FTV) during 2023-2025 for the Top 10 Destinations of Gujarat, as provided by the state government is annexed.

Identification, development and promotion of tourism destinations and products is primarily undertaken by the concerned State Government (SG)/Union Territory Administration (UTA). However, the Ministry of Tourism through its central sector schemes like PRASHAD, Swadesh Darshan 2.0, Challenge Based Destination Development, etc., complements the efforts of tourism infrastructure development in the country by extending financial assistance to the State Governments.

The State Government informed that it has adopted a comprehensive and integrated approach for the development of tourist destinations across the State. Major identified tourist destinations have been developed or are being developed with essential tourist infrastructure and visitor amenities, including approaches, parking, sanitation facilities, drinking water, signages, seating arrangement, safety provisions, and other required facilities.

The Gujarat Government is implementing projects for development of thematic tourism circuits and eco-tourism, heritage conservation, apart from destination-specific interventions. In addition, promotion of lesser-known destinations and leveraging digital platforms for improved tourist engagement are also in focus.

ANNEXURE**STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.†5948 ANSWERED ON 30.03.2026 REGARDING DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN TOURIST ARRIVALS IN GUJARAT RAISED BY SHRI MANSUKHBHAI DHANJIBHAI VASAVA**

Number of domestic and foreign tourists who visited (DTV and FTV) during 2023-2025 for the Top 10 Destinations of Gujarat.

Sl. No.	Name of District	Place	2023		2024		2025	
			DTV	FTV	DTV	FTV	DTV	FTV
1	Ahmedabad	Ahmedabad City	19,136,609	521,033	24,648,292	715,761	26,844,462	757,035
2	Banaskantha	Ambaji Temple	13,837,140	229,547	16,522,436	203,566	18,062,967	203,729
3	Kheda	Shri Ranchhodraiji Maharaj Temple, Dakor	2,347,284	54,379	5,321,592	52,344	16,530,965	77,859
4	Dev Bhumi Dwarka	Dwarka Temple	7,922,506	116,026	10,055,550	107,527	14,156,105	118,620
5	Gir - Somnath	Somnath Temple	9,102,478	110,194	9,132,967	117,137	11,251,136	122,142
6	Panchmahal	Pavagadh Temple	8,121,801	77,282	7,929,631	70,055	10,075,307	77,550
7	Ahmedabad	Kankaria Lakefront	7,779,424	95,050	5,705,325	94,994	7,640,385	97,156
8	Narmada	Ekta Nagar(Statue of Unity)	3,690,649	40,778	5,170,457	34,767	6,831,821	44,970
9	Dev Bhumi Dwarka	Nageshwar Jyortilinga	-	-	-	-	6,687,550	21,251
10	Surat	Surat City	5,875,186	85,597	6,594,292	81,969	6,593,770	82,782

- Not surveyed during the year
