

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.†1287
ANSWERED ON 07.12.2015**

INFLOW OF TOURISTS

**†1287. SHRI ARJUN MEGHWAL:
SHRI CHANDRA PRAKASH JOSHI:**

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Ministry is aware that the number of domestic/foreign tourists visiting tourist spots has decreased in the country during the last five years;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;**
- (c) whether the Ministry has formulated any new policy to promote and boost the tourism sector; and**
- (d) if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)**

(a) and (b): The number of Domestic Tourist Visits (DTVs) and the Foreign Tourist Visits (FTVs) to various States/ Union Territories (UTs) during each of the last five years are as below:

(DTVs/FTVs in lakhs)

Year	DTVs	FTVs
2010	7477	179
2011	8645	195
2012	10450	183
2013	11425	200
2014	12901	226

The DTVs and FTVs reveal an increasing trend during the last five years except a decline in FTVs during 2012.

(c) and (d): The Ministry of Tourism has formulated a draft National Tourism Policy 2015 with the aim of positioning India as a “Must Experience” and “Must Revisit” destination for global travellers, whilst encouraging Indians to explore their own country and realise the potential of tourism as a major engine for economic growth, employment generation and poverty alleviation in a sustainable, responsible and inclusive framework, to the betterment of the community.

The Ministry of Tourism held rounds of consultations to obtain inputs for the Policy from overseas tour operators, stakeholders in the tourism and hospitality industries, State Governments and UT Administrations, experts, veterans and eminent personalities in the field of tourism. The draft Policy was also hosted on the official websites of the Ministry of Tourism for seeking public comments. In addition, as part of the inter-ministerial consultations, the draft Policy has been circulated among 33 Central Ministries/Departments inviting their comments.
