

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.†2556  
ANSWERED ON 14.03.2016**

**AIR SERVICES AT TOURIST SITES**

**†2556. SHRI P.P. CHAUDHARY:  
SHRI CHANDRA PRAKASH JOSHI:**

**Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government proposes to provide better air services at tourist sites in order to increase domestic and foreign tourists in the country;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government in this regard;**
- (c) the funds allocated by the Government in this regard during the last three years; and**
- (d) the number of domestic and foreign tourists who visited various tourist spots in the country during the last three years, year-wise and State-wise?**

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)**

**(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)**

**(a) to (c): Domestic air transport services have been decontrolled & deregulated. Government has laid down route dispersal guidelines with a view to achieve better connectivity to remote areas and different regions of the country. It is, however, up to the airlines to provide air services to specific places depending upon the traffic demand and commercial viability. As such the airlines are free to operate anywhere in the country subject to compliance of route dispersal guidelines issued by the Government.**

**The Government has taken several measures to help the industry so that benefits percolate down to common man. These**

**steps are persuading State Governments to reduce VAT on ATF, allowing direct import of Aviation Turbine Fuel by Indian Carriers as actual users, permitting foreign airlines to participate upto 49 percent in the equity of scheduled air transport undertaking, allowing External Commercial Borrowings (ECB) for working capital requirement of airline industry for a period of one year subject to a total ceiling of US \$1 billion and tax concession for parts of aircraft and testing equipment for third party maintenance, repair and overhaul of civil aircraft.**

**(d): The Ministry of Tourism compiles data only on number of domestic and foreign tourist who visited various States and UTs. The details of the same for the period 2012-14 are at Annexure. This information for 2015 is not available.**

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**ANNEXURE**

**STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PART (d) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.†2556 ANSWERED ON 14.03.2016 REGARDING AIR SERVICES AT TOURISTS SITES.**

**STATE/UT-WISE DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN TOURIST VISITS, 2012-2014**

Sl. No.	State/ UT	2012		2013		2014	
		Domestic	Foreign	Domestic	Foreign	Domestic	Foreign
1	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	238699	17538	243703	14742	285146	17235
2	Andhra Pradesh	207217952	292822	98017783	69552	93306974	66333
3	Arunachal Pradesh	132243	5135	125461	10846	180964	5204
4	Assam	4511407	17543	4684527	17638	4826702	21537
5	Bihar	21447099	1096933	21588306	765835	22544377	829508
6	Chandigarh	924589	34130	936922	40124	1061419	28365
7	Chhattisgarh	15036530	4172	22801031	3886	24488465	7777
8	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	469213	1234	481618	1582	579638	1799
9	Daman & Diu	803963	4607	819947	4814	795167	4620
10	Delhi *	18495139	2345980	20215187	2301395	22626859	2319046
11	Goa	2337499	450530	2629151	492322	3544634	513592
12	Gujarat	24379023	174150	27412517	198773	30912043	235524
13	Haryana	6799242	233002	7128027	228200	13442944	547367
14	Himachal Pradesh	15646048	500284	14715586	414249	15924701	389699
15	Jammu & Kashmir	12427122	78802	10891424	60845	9438544	86477
16	Jharkhand	20421016	31909	20511160	45995	33427144	154731
17	Karnataka	94052729	595359	98010140	636378	118283220	561870
18	Kerala	10076854	793696	10857811	858143	11695411	923366
19	Lakshadweep	4417	580	4784	371	7315	514
20	Madhya Pradesh	53197209	275930	63110709	280333	63614525	316195
21	Maharashtra*#	74816051	2651889	82700556	4156343	94127124	4389098
22	Manipur	134541	749	140673	1908	115499	2769
23	Meghalaya	680254	5313	691269	6773	716469	8664
24	Mizoram	64249	744	63377	800	68203	836
25	Nagaland	35915	2489	35638	3304	58413	3679
26	Odisha	9052871	64719	9800135	66675	10790622	71426

27	Puducherry	981714	52931	1000277	42624	1188093	83291
28	Punjab	19056143	143805	21340888	204074	24271302	255449
29	Rajasthan	28611831	1451370	30298150	1437162	33076491	1525574
30	Sikkim	558538	26489	576749	31698	562418	49175
31	Tamil Nadu	184136840	3561740	244232487	3990490	327555233	4657630
32	Tripura	361786	7840	359586	11853	361247	26688
33	Telengana	-	-	54084367	153966	72399113	75171
34	Uttar Pradesh	168381276	1994495	226531091	2054420	182820108	2909735
35	Uttarakhand	26827329	124555	19941128	97683	21991315	101966
36	West Bengal	22730205	1219610	25547300	1245230	49029590	1375740
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1045047536</b>	<b>18263074</b>	<b>1142529465</b>	<b>19951026</b>	<b>1290117432</b>	<b>22567650</b>

**\* DTVs: Estimated using all India Growth rate and FTVs: FTA data of Delhi Port.**

**\*# DTVs: Estimates using partial data provided by the State Govts. and FTVs: Estimated using growth of FTAs at all Ports (combined) in Maharashtra.**

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