

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.72
ANSWERED ON 18.07.2016**

INFLOW OF FOREIGN TOURISTS

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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of foreign tourists arriving in the country and the revenue earned therefrom during the last three years, year-wise and State/UT-wise;**
- (b) whether there has been a decline in foreign exchange earnings from tourism during the said period and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;**
- (c) the steps taken by the Government for image building of the country to attract more foreign tourists in the country to ensure more revenue generation through tourism; and**
- (d) whether the Government has provided any special incentive to various State Governments for development of tourism to boost foreign tourist inflow in the country and if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)

(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

(a): The number of Foreign Tourist Arrivals (FTAs) in India during 2013, 2014 and 2015 were 6.97 million, 7.68 million and 8.03 million, respectively. The State/Union Territory (UT)-wise break-up of FTAs in India is not available. However, the number of Foreign Tourist Visits (FTVs) to different States/UTs during 2013, 2014 and 2015, which is

different from FTAs, is given in Annexure-I. Ministry of Tourism does not compile the data on revenue earned through tourism in States/UTs.

(b): No, Madam. There has been a double digit growth in Foreign Exchange Earnings (FEEs) through tourism in India. FEEs through tourism in India during 2013, 2014 and 2015 were Rs.1,07,671 Crore, Rs.1,23,320 Crore and Rs.1,35,193 Crore, respectively.

(c): Initiatives undertaken by the Ministry of Tourism in the recent past for development and promotion of tourism and to attract more tourists in the country are as below:

- **Introduction of e-Tourist Visa facility for the citizens of 150 countries at 16 airports.**
- **Launch of 24x7 Toll Free Multi-Lingual Tourist Infoline handling ten international languages besides Hindi and English.**
- **The Ministry of Tourism has launched 'Welcome Booklet' with information on Do's and Dont's for tourists, contact details of India Tourism domestic offices and Tourist Helpline Number for distribution at immigration counters to tourists arriving at international airports.**
- **Launch of Swachh Paryatan App.**
- **Promotion of India as a holistic destination in the international markets under the Incredible India brand-line.**
- **Organization of biennial International Buddhist Conclave.**
- **Organization of Annual International Tourism Mart for promotion of tourism in North Eastern States.**
- **Promotion of activities in tourist generating markets overseas through the India Tourism Offices abroad with active participation in International Tourism Events.**
- **Financial assistance to Stakeholders and Tourism Departments of States/UTs for undertaking promotional activities under the Marketing Development Assistance Scheme.**

(d): Development and promotion of tourism sector is the responsibility of the State Governments and Union Territory Administrations. The Ministry of Tourism provides Central Financial Assistance (CFA) to them for tourism projects subject to adherence of existing scheme guidelines, availability of funds and liquidation of utilisation certificates for funds released earlier.

Details of projects sanctioned for States/UTs during 2014-15 and 2015-16 under Swadesh Darshan and PRASAD Scheme of the Ministry is given in Annexure-II.

ANNEXURE-I**STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.72 ANSWERED ON 18.07.2016 REGARDING INFLOW OF FOREIGN TOURISTS.**

The number of Foreign Tourist Visits (FTVs) to different States/UTs during 2013, 2014 and 2015

Sl. No.	State/ UT	2013	2014	2015
1	Andaman & Nicobar Island	14742	17235	14674
2	Andhra Pradesh	69552	66333	237854
3	Arunachal Pradesh	10846	5204	5705
4	Assam	17638	21537	24720
5	Bihar	765835	829508	923737
6	Chandigarh	40124	28365	29538
7	Chhattisgarh	3886	7777	6394
8	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	1582	1799	1797
9	Daman & Diu	4814	4620	5858
10	Delhi *	2301395	2319046	2379169
11	Goa	492322	513592	541480
12	Gujarat	198773	235524	284973
13	Haryana	228200	314757	303118
14	Himachal Pradesh	414249	389699	406108
15	Jharkhand	45995	154731	167785
16	J&K	60845	86477	58568
17	Karnataka	636378	561870	636502
18	Kerala	858143	923366	977479
19	Lakshadweep	371	514	1173
20	Madhya Pradesh	280333	316195	421365
21	Maharashtra * #	4156343	4389098	4408916
22	Manipur	1908	2769	3260
23	Meghalaya	6773	8664	8027
24	Mizoram	800	921	798
25	Nagaland	3304	2585	2769
26	Odisha	66675	71426	66971
27	Puducherry	42624	83291	106153
28	Punjab	204074	255449	242367
29	Rajasthan	1437162	1525574	1475311
30	Sikkim	31698	49175	38479
31	Tamil Nadu	3990490	4657630	4684707
32	Telengana	153966	75171	126078
33	Tripura	11853	26688	34886
34	Uttar Pradesh	2054420	2909735	3104062
35	Uttarakhand	97683	101966	105882
36	West Bengal	1245230	1375740	1489500
	Total	19951026	22334031	23326163

Source: State/ Union Territory Tourism Departments

ANNEXURE-II**STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PART (d) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.72 ANSWERED ON 18.07.2016 REGARDING INFLOW OF FOREIGN TOURISTS.****Details of projects sanctioned during 2014-15 and 2015-16 under PRASAD Scheme****(Rs. in Crore)**

Sl. No.	Name of the project	Amount sanctioned
2014-15		
	BIHAR	
1.	Basic Facilities at Vishnupad temple, Gaya	4.29
	UTTAR PRADESH	
2.	Development of Mathura Vrindavan as Mega Tourist Circuit (Phase-II).	14.93
3.	Construction of Tourist Facilitation Centre at Vrindavan, Distt. - Mathura	9.36
	ODISHA	
4.	Infrastructure Development at Puri, Shree Jagannath Dham – Ramachandi - Prachi River Front at Deuli under Mega Circuit	50.00
	Total 2014-15	78.58
2015-16		
	RAJASTHAN	
1.	Integrated Development of Pushkar/Ajmer	40.44
	PUNJAB	
2.	Development of Karuna Sagar Valmiki Sthal at Amritsar	6.45
	ASSAM	
3.	Development of Kamakhya Temple and Pilgrimage Destinations in and around Guwahati	33.98
	ANDHRA PRADESH	
4.	Development of Amaravati town in Guntur district as a tourist destination	28.36
	BIHAR	
5.	Development of Patna Sahib	41.54
	UTTAR PRADESH	
6.	Development of Varanasi	20.40
	UTTARAKHAND	
7.	Development of Kedarnath	34.78
	Total 2015-16	205.95

Details of projects sanctioned during 2014-15 and 2015-16 under Swadesh Darshan Scheme

(Rs. in Crore)

Sl. No.	Circuit	State	Name of Project	Amount sanctioned
2014-15				
1.	Coastal	Andhra Pradesh	Development of Kakinada-Hope Island- Konaseema as World class Coastal & Eco Tourism Circuit in Andhra Pradesh	69.83
2.	North East India	Arunachal Pradesh	Development of Bhalukpong-Bomdila-Tawang in Arunachal Pradesh	49.77
3.	Buddhist	Bihar	Construction of Cultural Centre at Bodhgaya, Bihar	33.17
2015-16				
4.	North East India	Manipur	Development of Tourist Circuit in Manipur: Imphal-Moirang-Khongjom-Moreh	89.66
5.	North East India	Sikkim	Development of Tourist Circuit linking - Rangpo (entry) - Rorathang - Aritar - Phadamchen - Nathang - Sherathang - Tsongmo - Gangtok - Phodong - Mangan - Lachung - Yumthang - Lachen - Thangu - Gurudongmer - Mangan - Gangtok - TuminLingee - Singtam (exit) in Sikkim	98.05
6.	Eco	Uttarakhand	Integrated Development of Eco-Tourism, Adventure Sports, Associated Tourism related Infrastructure for Development of Tehri Lake & Surroundings as New Destination-District Tehri, Uttarakhand	80.37
7.	Coastal	Andhra Pradesh	Development of Coastal Tourism Circuit in Sri PottiSriramalu Nellore in Andhra Pradesh	60.38

8.	North East India	Arunachal Pradesh	Integrated Development of Adventure Tourism in Arunachal Pradesh	97.14
9.	Eco	Kerala	Development of Pathanamthitta – Gavi – Vagamon – Thekkady as Eco Tourism Circuit in Idduki and Pathanamthitta Districts in Kerala	99.22
10.	Desert	Rajasthan	Development of Sambhar Lake Town and Other Destinations under Desert Circuit in Swadesh Darshan Scheme	63.96
11.	Tribal	Nagaland	Development of Tribal Circuit Peren –Kohima-Wokha, Nagaland	97.36
12.	Eco	Telangana	Integrated Development of Eco Tourism Circuit in Mahaboobnagar district, Telangana	91.62
13.	Wildlife	Madhya Pradesh	Development of Wildlife Circuit at Panna – Mukundpur-Sanjay-Dubri-Bandhavgarh-Kanha-Mukki-Pench in Madhya Pradesh	92.22
14.	Wildlife	Assam	Wildlife Circuit of Assam	95.67
15.	North East India	Tripura	Development of North East Circuit : Agartala - Sipahijala - Melaghar - Udaipur - Amarpur - Tirthamukh - Mandirghat – Dumboor-NarikelKunja - Gandachara – Ambassa	99.59
16.	Eco	Mizoram	Integrated Development of New Eco Tourism under Swadesh Darshan – North East Circuit at Thenzawl& South Zote, District Serchhip and Reiek, Mizoram	94.91
17.	Coastal	West Bengal	Development of Beach Circuit – Udaipur - Digha – Shankarpur – Tajpur –	85.39

			Mandarmani – Fraserganj – Bakkhlai -Henry Island	
18.	Coastal	Puducherry	Development of Union Territory of Puducherry as Tourist Circuit under “Swadesh Darshan” Scheme	85.28
19.	Tribal	Chhattisgarh	Development of Tribal Tourism Circuit Jashpur-Kunkuri-Mainpat-Ambikapur-Maheshpur-ratanpur-Kurdar-Sarodadadar-Gangrel-Kondagaon-Nathyanawagaon-Jagdarpur-Chitrakoot-Tirthgarh in Chhattisgarh	99.94
20.	Coastal	Maharashtra	Sindhudurg Coastal Circuit	82.76
