

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM AND CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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VISIT OF FOREIGN TOURISTS
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Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have recently lifted the restrictions on the foreign tourists to visit freely in the North- Eastern States;
- (b) if so, whether requests from other States have also been received for lifting the restrictions;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTHKUMAR)

(a): Foreign tourists no longer require permits to visit Assam, Meghalaya and Tripura. Few places/routes have been opened up for group of foreign tourists including married couples to visit Manipur, Arunachal Pradesh, Nagaland and Mizoram.

(b), (c) & (d): Entry of foreign tourists to other restricted areas of Sikkim and Andaman Nicobar Islands have also been lifted for certain routes/places.