

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

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FOREIGN TOURISTS

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

- (a) the foreign tourists inflow during the last three years and the current year upto July 30, 2000, State-wise;
- (b) whether the instances of misbehaviour/cheating and scathing attacks on the foreign tourists have increased during the above period;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the concrete steps taken so far or proposed to be taken in the near future to check the above mentioned uncalled activities against the foreign tourists in the country?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTHKUMAR)

(a): Total number of foreign tourists who have visited this country during the years 1997, 1998, 1999 and 2000 (January to July) are as follows:

| Year                             | Number of foreign tourists visiting India |
|----------------------------------|---|
| 1997                             | 2374094                                   |
| 1998                             | 2358629                                   |
| 1999                             | 2481928                                   |
| 2000                             | 1462927 (P)                               |
| (From January 2000 to July 2000) |   |

P: Provisional

State-wise inflow of foreign tourists is not maintained.

(b), (c) and (d): Uncalled for activities including misbehaviour, cheating and attacks on foreign tourists are law and order problems falling within the purview of the States/U.T. Administrations. To check these activities against the tourists, Department of Tourism has written to all States/U.T. Administrations to set up Tourist Police Forces. Complaints from tourists, whenever come to the notice of the Department, are pursued with the concerned authorities. Information on complaints pertaining to crimes against tourists during the last three years is as given below:-

| Year | Number of complaints |
|------|----------------------|
| 1997 | 117                  |
| 1998 | 100                  |
| 1999 | 103                  |