

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
TOURISM  
LOK SABHA**

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FOREIGN TOURISTS

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

- (a) the number of foreign tourists visited various States in the country during each of the last two years, State-wise;
- (b) the amount of revenue/foreign exchange earned by the Government from these tourists, separately, year-wise and State-wise;
- (c) whether the tourism industry is being affected due to terrorism in some parts of the country; and
- (d) if so, the steps taken by the Government to boost the tourism industry and earn more foreign exchange?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTHKUMAR)

- (a): The number of foreign tourists who visited various States in the country during the year 1998 and 1999 were 2.36 million and 2.48 million respectively. Figures of foreign tourist arrivals are collected at the port of entry of tourist.
- (b): The estimated foreign exchange earnings from tourism during the years 1998 and 1999 were Rs.11540.25 crores and Rs.12498.93 crores respectively for the country as a whole. State-wise foreign exchange earnings are not maintained.
- (c) and (d): There is a positive growth in the number of foreign and domestic tourists during the year 1999 as compared to 1998 in the country as a whole. To give boost to the tourism industry, Government has been giving fiscal incentives and interest subsidy. Government has also given export house status to tourism industry and is emphasising the use of information technology, development of tourist infrastructure, safety, security and facilitation of tourists.