

**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 India has been declared as a `danger zone` from the point of view of tourism by some foreign countries and only 1% foreigners visited India during 1999-2000; and

(b) if so, the steps being initiated by the Government in order to change such situation and to earn more foreign exchange so that the country may regain its lost glory?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR)

(a): No, Sir. However, some countries have issued travel advisories to their citizens against travel to Jammu & Kashmir and also mentioned Bihar, Assam and North-Eastern States as unsafe areas.

(b): Whenever such advisories come to our notice, the Department of Tourism takes up such cases with Ministry of External Affairs and Indian Missions abroad to interact with foreign Governments for revision of travel advisories based on the realities in India. Ministry of Tourism runs promotional campaigns in overseas markets through its Tourist Offices abroad to attract more foreign tourists/earn foreign exchange by projecting India as a safe and attractive destination.