

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3412
ANSWERED ON:15.04.2002
DECLINE IN TOURISTS INFLOW
A. VENKATESH NAIK;RAMSHETH THAKUR

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

- (a) whether the Government have identified the areas where arrival of tourists has declined during the last six months;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith reasons therefor;
- (c) the extent to which it has declined;
- (d) whether the Government have also identified the areas where the arrival of the tourists has increased;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the steps taken by the Government to develop tourism sector to attract more tourists in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN)

(a), (b), (c), (d) and (e) A statement indicating the domestic and foreign tourist visits to 15 States/U.T Administrations during July-December 2000 and July-December 2001 and the percentage increase/decrease in each case is enclosed. Information in respect of other States and UTs is not available. The decline in foreign tourist visits is mainly due to the general economic slowdown and the terrorist attack on the World Trade Centre in USA and its after effects.

(f): The components of development activities for tourism include infrastructure development, product development and diversification, enhanced tourist facilitation, human resource development, promotion and market development. Various plans to give boost to the tourism industry in the country include identification of 21 circuits and 12 destinations for development through the joint efforts of Central and State Government and the private sector.

STATEMENT IN RESPECT OF PART (a) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION No.3412 FOR 15.4.2002 REGARDING DECLINE IN TOURISTS INFLOW

ESTIMATED DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN TOURIST VISITS

State/U.T.	2000		2001		Percentage	
	July-December		July-December			
	Domestic	Foreign	Domestic	Foreign		
Andhra Pradesh	27555302	39175	39990297	28999	45.1	-26.0
Assam	443139	3106	515170	2266	16.3	-27.0
Goa	477569	130794	543741	100104	13.9	-23.5
Haryana	136558	641	145745	416	6.7	-35.1
Jammu & Kashmir	2701591	13232	2467176	15296	-8.7	15.6
Kerala	2511543	109585	2610530	89294	3.9	-18.5
Meghalaya	90583	1208	84774	1086	-6.4	-10.1
Mizoram	13233	119	14314	62	8.2	-47.9
Orissa	1565556	11734	1645663	9290	5.1	-20.8
Punjab	199797	1654	236140	1904	18.2	15.1
Rajasthan	4823487	376544	5107581	302779	5.9	-19.6
Tamil Nadu	10722456	393228	10812695	344542	0.8	-12.4
Uttar Pradesh+	577355	114783	603785	72142	4.6	-37.1
Uttaranchal	4324872	16486	4619009	21981	6.8	33.3
Chandigarh	249075	10336	237448	8337	-4.7	-19.3

+ It includes Mathura, Allahabad, Lucknow, Varanasi and Agra