

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

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AUGMENTATION OF TOURISM IN EASTERN INDIA
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Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the important places of tourist attractions in Eastern India, State-wise;
- (b) the number of domestic/foreign tourists visited such places during each of the last three years, State-wise; and
- (c) the comprehensive packages proposed for Tenth Plan to augment tourism in such places, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN)

(a): Some of the important tourist attractions in Eastern India State-wise are as follows:

1. Bihar: Bodhgaya, Gaya, Madhubani, Nalanda, Patna, Pawapuri, Vaishali
2. Jharkhand : Baidyanath, Dau (Deogarh), Parasnath, Ranchi, Rajgir.
3. Orissa: Bhubaneswar, Chilka Lake, Cuttack, Chandipur, Gopalpur-on-sea, Hirakud, Kanaru, Lalitgiri, Ratnagiri, Udaigiri, Puri, Sambalpur, Taptapani, Khandagiri.
4. West Bengal: Bakkhali, Kolkata, Darjeeling, Durgapur, Digha Beach, Kalingpong, Kurseong, Mayapuri, Murshidabad, Maldagour, Pandua, Mirik, Shantiniketan, Japardeep, Vishnupur.

(b): The details of domestic/foreign tourists visited these States during the last three years are as under: -

| State | Year | Domestic | Foreign |
|-------------|------|----------|---------|
| Bihar | 2000 | 5520589 | 73321 |
| | 2001 | 6061168 | 85673 |
| | 2002 | 2755154 | 164098 |
| Jharkhand | 2000 | N.A. | N.A. |
| | 2001 | 353177 | 2979 |
| | 2002 | 313134 | 2244 |
| Orissa | 2000 | 2888392 | 23723 |
| | 2001 | 3109976 | 22854 |
| | 2002 | 3289205 | 23279 |
| West Bengal | 2000 | 4737112 | 197061 |
| | 2001 | 4943097 | 284092 |
| | 2002 | 8503573 | 5313335 |

(c) : Central financial assistance is now provided for Integrated Development of tourist circuits and Product/Infrastructure and Destination Development projects. These circuits/destinations are identified in consultation and interaction with the State Governments/UT Administrations.