

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

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HARRASSMENT TO TOURISTS IN BIHAR
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Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government are aware of incidents of harassment, fraud and killing of tourists in Bihar;
- (b) if so, the number of persons arrested/involved in such incidents during the last two years, till-date; and
- (c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to prevent recurrence of such incidents in future?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN)

(a): Some cases of crimes against tourists in Bihar have come to the notice of the Department of Tourism.

(b) & (c): Safety and security of tourists is primarily the responsibility of State Governments. The Department of Tourism does not maintain state-wise information on persons attested/involved in such cases. However, the Government of Bihar has been advised at the highest level to beef up security at Tourist Places in the State.