

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

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INDO-INDONESIA AGREEMENT ON TOURISM  
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**Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether any agreement has been reached this year between India and Indonesia regarding tourism;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and by when it is likely to be implemented; and
- (c) the number of Indonesian tourists visited India after this agreement and the amount earned therefrom?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTHKUMAR)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): A Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of Republic of India and the Government of the Republic of Indonesia on cooperation in the field of tourism was signed on 8.2.2000 in New Delhi. The Memorandum of Understanding aims at:

- (i) Increasing tourist arrivals to both countries.
- (ii) Encouraging a wider distribution of visitors to the various tourist destinations.
- (iii) Encouraging visits of both nationals and residents to each country.
- (iv) Encouraging growth of the tourism industry in both countries.

This Memorandum of Understanding has come into force on the date of its signing.

(c): Total number of foreign tourists who visited India from Indonesia during February, 2000 were 975. Similar information for the month of March, 2000 onwards is not available.

Department of Tourism does not make separate estimates of foreign exchange earnings from various countries. However, estimated foreign exchange earnings from all tourists for the month of February, 2000 onwards is as follows:-

Month/Year	Estimated foreign exchange earnings (Rs in Crores)
February, 2000	1417.56
March, 2000	1233.66
April, 2000	1003.35
May, 2000	768.11
June, 2000	861.72