

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
TOURISM  
LOK SABHA**

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PACKAGES FOR DOMESTIC TOURISTS  
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**Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether his Ministry had prepared a special package for the domestic tourists in consultation with the State Governments and ITDC;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether ITDC has also promoted a number of packages for domestic tourists;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the extent to which these packages by both States as well as ITDC has helped the development in increasing the domestic tourists?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTHKUMAR)

(a) & (b): Ministry of Tourism provides promotional support to tour packages prepared by State Governments and ITDC.

ITDC tour packages include Family Holiday Package, Students Package, Senior Citizen Package, Grand Heritage Tour, the Buddha Homage Tour and Special Rail Packages etc. State/U.T. Govts of UP, J&K, Rajasthan, Goa, Gujarat, Tamilnadu, Delhi, Andaman & Nicobar Islands etc. are also having their own package tours within their States.

(c), (d) & (e): ITDC has also promoted a number of packages in the "Holiday Bonanza for Domestic Tourists" which include Coach Tours, Discovery of India-Students Package, Gateway of India, Jai Jawan Package and For The Young At Heart Package. Tour packages prepared by both the State tourism departments and ITDC has helped in the development and increase of domestic tourism. Estimated domestic visits to various States and Union Territories during the last three years is given below:-

Year Domestic Tourists

1997	15,98,77,008
1998	16,69,27,910
1999	17,55,54,561