

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

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

- (a) the number of Indian tourists who visited foreign countries during each of the last three years;
- (b) whether some foreign countries have opened their tourist offices in India to display their country's attractions to Indian travellers; and
- (c) if so, the countries which have so far opened offices in India and the facilities being provided by the Government to them?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SMT. AMBIKA SONI)

(a): The number of Indian Nationals who visited foreign countries during the last three years is as follows:

Year Number of Indian
Nationals going abroad

2003 53,50,896
2004 62,12,809
2005 71,79,897 (Provisional)

(b) and (c): Some of the foreign countries which have opened tourist offices in India are Malaysia, Singapore, Britain, Macau, Hong Kong, Germany, Italy, France, Mauritius, Austria, Holland, Sri Lanka, Seychelles, Egypt etc. No specific facilities to these offices are being offered by the Government of India.