

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

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INCREASE IN ENTRY FEE

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

- (a) whether the tourist inflow in the country has been increasing immensely in the recent years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof during the last three years;
- (c) whether, in order to protect the tourist sites and to made it more restrictive for Indians, the Government is considering to increase the entry fee; and
- (d) if so, the rationale behind thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): Foreign tourist arrivals to India during 2003, 2004, 2005 (provisional) have been 2.73 million, 3.46 million and 3.92 million respectively, showing an increase of 14.3%, 26.8% and 13.2% respectively over the previous years.

(c): There is no proposal at present pending with the Ministry for enhancement of entry fee for Centrally Protected Monuments.

(d): Does not arise.