

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

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INCIDENTS OF SEXUAL ASSAULT ON FOREIGN TOURISTS

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

- (a) whether there has been an increase in the incidents of sexual assault on foreign tourists in the country in the recent past;
- (b) if so, the number of such incidents reported from various States during the current year, State-wise;
- (c) whether the Union Government has issued any directions to the State Governments in this regard; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a), (b) & (c) : Law and Order is a State subject and data pertaining to mistreatment or harassment to tourist is not compiled by the Department of Tourism. However, in order to curb illegal activities and to ensure safety and security, the Department of Tourism has advised all the State Governments/Union Territories to deploy Tourist Police at important tourist centers. The State Governments of Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Goa, Kerala, Maharashtra, Himachal Pradesh, Rajasthan, Jammu and Kashmir, Uttar Pradesh, Delhi, etc. have deployed Tourist Police in one form or another.