

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4244  
ANSWERED ON:18.05.2006  
FOREIGN TOURISTS  
Kharventhan Shri Salarapatty Kuppusamy

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

- (a) the number of foreign tourists visited various Southern and North Eastern States during each of the last three years;
- (b) the amount sanctioned by the Union Government for various projects for development of tourism in those States; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to further boost tourism in these States?

**Answer**

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

(a): A Statement showing the number of foreign tourist visited various Southern and North Eastern States during the last three years is at Annexure-I.

(b): The amount sanctioned by the Department of tourism for various tourism projects for States/UTs , including the Southern and North Eastern States during the last three years is at Annexure –II.

(c): The Department of Tourism has adopted a multi pronged strategy for development of tourism in States/UTs, which include development of infrastructure, marketing and publicity, human resource development and capacity building of the service providers  
ANNEXURE-I

ANNEXURE IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4244 ANSWERED ON 18.05.2006  
REGARDING FOREIGN TOURISTS

FOREIGN TOURIST VISITS IN SOUTHERN AND NORTH EASTERN STATES DURING THE LAST YEARS

S.No State 2002 2003 2004

I Southern States

1 Andhra Pradesh	210310	479318	501019
2 Karnataka	59545	249908	530225
3 Kerala	232564	294621	345546
4 Tamil Nadu	804041	901504	1058012

II North Eastern States

1 Arunachal Pradesh	187	123	269
2 Assam	6409	6610	7285
3 Manipur	221	257	249
4 Meghalaya	3146	6304	12407
5 Mizoram	259	279	326
6 Nagaland	657	743	1084
7 Sikkim	8566	11966	14646
8 Tripura	2602	3196	3171