

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
TOURISM  
LOK SABHA**

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IMPACT OF GLOBAL SLOWDOWN ON TOURISM  
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**Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:**

- (a) the details of the Indian tourists who went abroad on vacations to different countries during each of the last three years and the current year;
- (b) whether the global slowdown has any impact on tourist traffic and hospitality industry; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM(SHRI SULTAN AHMED)

(a): The available data on number of Indian Nationals Departures from India during 2006 to 2008 are given below:-

Year Number of Indian Nationals  
Departures from India (in million)

2006 8.34

2007 9.78

2008 10.87

2009 Not available

(b) and (c): The number of Foreign Tourist Arrivals (FTAs) in India during 2008 registered a growth of 4% over 2007, which is considerably lower than the growth of 14.3% observed in 2007 over 2006. In the year 2009, the FTAs in India declined by 3.3% as compared to 2008. The lower growth rate in FTAs in 2008 and the decline in 2009 may be due to various reasons including the global slowdown. This decline in FTAs has adversely impacted the hospitality industry in the country.