

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5698
ANSWERED ON:30.04.2010
SHILP GRAM UTSAVS
Sarvey Shri Sathyanarayana

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of foreign and domestic tourists visited the Shilp Gram Utsavs in the country during the Eleventh Five Year Plan; and
(b) the steps being taken by the Government to attract more tourists in this regard during the remaining period of Eleventh Five Year Plan period?

Answer

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

(a) and (b): Ministry of Tourism does not maintain information on number of foreign and domestic tourists visiting Shilp Gram Utsavs in the country. However, the number of domestic and foreign tourist visits to different States/ UTs during the years 2007 and 2008 are given in the Annexure.

The steps taken by the Union Government to attract more tourists include development of tourism infrastructure under the Scheme of Product/ Infrastructure Development for Destinations and Circuits, Incredible India publicity campaigns in international and domestic markets, broad basing of hospitality education, introduction of Market Development Assistance for promotion of domestic tourism, Medical, Wellness and MICE (Meetings, Incentives, Conferences and Exhibitions) Tourism, and introduction of visa on arrival for tourists from five countries, namely Singapore, Finland, New Zealand, Luxembourg and Japan on a pilot basis for a period of one year.

ANNEXURE

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PART (a) AND (b) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5698 ANSWERED ON 30.04.2010 REGARDING SHILP GRAM UTSAVS.

Domestic and Foreign Tourist Visits to States/ UTs during the years 2007 and 2008

S.No.	State/UT	2007		2008	
		Domestic	Foreign	Domestic	Foreign
1	Andhra Pradesh	127933333	769724	132684906	789180
2	Arunachal Pradesh	91100	2212	149292	3020
3	Assam	3436833	12899	3617306	14426
4	Andhaman & Nicobar Islands	136015	10975	123914	12512
5	Bihar	10352887	177362	11889611	345572
6	Chandigarh	928159	26567	908569	34762
7	Chattishgarh#	414322	1235	442910	1314

8 Dadra & Nagar Haveli 473489 5625 505380 5719

9 Daman & Diu 446490 5315 465033 5266

10 Delhi## 2388330 2018848 2132970 2339287

11 Goa 2208986 388457 2020416 351123

12 Gujarat 13477316 104158 15505264 110702

13 Haryana 6252945 64711 5973123 87172

14 Himachal Pradesh 8481988 339409 9372697 376736

15 Jammu & Kashmir 7915271 52754 7638977 54697

16 Jharkhand 4906394 4004 6030028 5803

17 Karnataka 37825953 534563 12797937 174040

18 Kerala 6642941 515808 7591250 598929

19 Lakshadweep 16642 2933 1571 1699

20 Madhya Pradesh 13894500 234204 22088927 251733

21 Maharashtra# 19226716 1933189 20553360 2056913

22 Manipur 101484 396 112151 354

23 Meghalaya 457685 5267 549936 4919

24 Mizoram 43161 669 55924 902

25 Nagaland 22085 936 46513 1209

26 Orissa 5944890 41880 6358445 43966

27 Punjab 368593 5470 509428 6869

28 Puducherry 798528 57682 827799 60309

29 Rajasthan 25920529 1401042 28358918 1477646

30 Sikkim 329075 17498 368451 19154

31 Tamil Nadu 70254972 1753103 98285121 2029410

32 Tripura 244795 3181 245438 3577

33 Uttar Pradesh 116244008 1524451 124843242 1610089

34 Uttarakhand 19803280 95976 20546323 99910

35 West Bengal 18580669 1154770 19314440 1133671

Total 526564364 13267273 562915569 14112590

Estimated using all-India growth rate

Estimated using tourist visits figures of sample hotels furnished by Delhi Govt.