

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
LOK SABHA**

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PROMOTION OF TOURISM
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of domestic and foreign tourists who visited North-Eastern States during the last three years, year-wise; and
- (b) the details of the accommodation and other infrastructure facilities available for the tourists and also the security provided by the local Governments?

Answer

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

(a): The number of domestic and foreign tourist visits to the North-Eastern states of Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Sikkim and Tripura during the years 2005, 2006 and 2007 are given below:-

Year	Domestic Tourist Visits	Foreign Tourist Visits
2005	3518671	36866
2006	4457275	38572
2007	4726218	43058

(b): Providing of accommodation facilities to tourists is mainly a private sector activity. As on 31.12.2007, there were 739 rooms in 17 classified hotels in the North-Eastern States.

Development of tourism infrastructure at different places, including those in the North-East, is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments/ UT Administrations. However, the Ministry of Tourism extends Central Financial Assistance (CFA) to State Governments/ Union Territory Administrations for tourism projects, under the scheme of Product/ Infrastructure Development for Destinations and Circuits on the basis of proposals received from them which are complete in all respect as per the scheme guidelines, inter-se priority and subject to availability of funds. The amount and number of tourism projects sanctioned by Ministry of Tourism to North-Eastern States during 2006-07, 2007-08 and 2008-09 were as under:-

Year	Number of Projects	Amount (Rs. In Lakh)
2006-07	73	Rs.14570.22
2007-08	86	Rs.17468.72
2008-09	76	Rs.19737.55

The safety and security of tourists is also primarily the responsibility of State Governments/ UT administrations. Some of the states have deployed Tourist Police at important tourist destinations, in one form or the other.