

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
LOK SABHA**

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IMPACT OF MELTDOWN ON TOURIST TRAFFIC
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

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

Answer

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

(a): The number of departures of Indians to foreign countries during 2006, 2007 and 2008 were 8.34 million, 9.78 million and 10.65 million respectively.

(b) and (c): The number of Foreign Tourist Arrivals (FTAs) in India during 2006, 2007, 2008 and January-June, 2009, and the growth rates over the corresponding period of previous year, are given below:-

Period	FTAs (in Million)	Growth over previous year
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2006	4.45	13.5%
2007	5.08	14.3%
2008#	5.37	5.6%
2009#	2.47	-9.3%
January-June		
#	Provisional	

The lower growth rate in FTAs during 2008 and the decline during January-June 2009 may be due to various reasons including the global financial slowdown. The decline in the FTAs has adversely impacted the hospitality industry in the country.