

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
TOURISM  
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:145

ANSWERED ON:19.11.2010

GROWTH OF TOURISM

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

- (a) whether the Government is satisfied with the growth of tourism and the availability of tourism infrastructure in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Union Government supports and funds various State Governments to develop infrastructure for tourism; and
- (d) if so, the details of funds released to the States during the last three years and percentage of utilisation?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (KUMARI SELJA)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.145 ANSWERED ON 19-11-2010 REGARDING GROWTH OF TOURISM.

(a) to (d): The number of domestic tourist visits in the country increased from 563 million in 2008 to 650 million in 2009 registering a growth of 15.5%.

Although the number of Foreign Tourist Arrivals (FTAs) in India during 2009 observed a decline of 3.3% as compared to 2008, the number of FTAs during January-October, 2010 observed a growth of 9.9% as compared to corresponding period of 2009.

Development, promotion and monitoring of tourism projects is primarily undertaken by the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations. Ministry of Tourism, however, provides financial assistance based on the proposals received from them, subject to availability of funds and inter-se priority. State-wise details of the projects and amount sanctioned by Ministry of Tourism during the 11th Five Year Plan (up to 30-09-2010) are at Annexure.

The State Level Monitoring Committees constituted by different States/Union Territories monitor timely implementation of the tourism projects. Ministry of Tourism also monitors implementation of the tourism projects through site visits and review meetings/regional conferences.