

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
LOK SABHA**

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FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC TOURISTS

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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of foreign and domestic tourists visited various places in the country during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise and category-wise;
- (b) the details of revenue earned therefrom separately during the said period;
- (c) whether the Government has issued any guidelines to the State Governments to improve facilities for the use of foreign and domestic tourists;
- (d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the response of the State Governments thereto, State-wise;
- (e) whether the Government has conducted and study to estimate the increase in the arrival of foreign tourists in the next five years; and
- (f) if so, the details and the outcome thereof?

Answer

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

(a) to (d): The number of domestic and foreign tourist visits to the various States/UTs during the last three years are given in the Annexure. The details for the current year are not available.

The foreign exchange earnings from tourism for the country as a whole during 2007, 2008 and 2009 are estimated at US\$ 10.73 billion, US\$ 11.75 billion, and US\$ 11.39 billion respectively. The Ministry of Tourism does not compile state-wise estimates of revenue earned from tourism.

Development and promotion of tourism including improving of facilities for the use of foreign and domestic tourists is primarily undertaken by the State Governments/UT Administrations. Ministry of Tourism, however, provides financial assistance to States/ UTs on the basis of project proposals received from them in accordance with scheme guidelines subject to availability of funds and inter-se priority.

(e) and (f): No such study has been conducted by Ministry of Tourism.