

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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FACILITY DURING AIR TRAVEL
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is contemplating to provide special facility during air travel to attract foreign tourists in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the tentative number of tourists likely to visit India per year due to such facility?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a) to (c):- A `Visit India 2009` Scheme was launched in April, 2009 by the Ministry of Tourism, in collaboration with all stakeholders including airlines, hotels, tour operators, State Governments for incentivizing travel to India. The incentives offered by the stake holders to all tourists from overseas included Complimentary air tickets, hotel rooms, local tours, etc. Currently this scheme is not in operation.

The number of Foreign Tourist Arrivals (FTAs) in India during 2009 and 2010 (January-November) were 5.11 million (provisional) and 4.93 million (provisional) respectively.