

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
LOK SABHA**

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TOURISTS AT TAJ MAHAL DURING COMMONWEALTH GAMES
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of tourists visited Taj Mahal during each of the last three years and the current year;
- (b) whether the number of tourists visited Taj Mahal have increased during the period of Commonwealth Games, 2010; and
- (c) if so, the number of foreign and domestic tourists visited the Taj Mahal during the said period?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): As per the Archaeological Survey of India, the number of domestic and foreign visitors to Taj Mahal during last three years and the current year are given below:-

Year	Domestic Visitors	Foreign Visitors
2007-08	2742041	613706
2008-09	2622956	509681
2009-10	2970221	581418
April, 2010 to June, 2010	1114409	97720

The number of domestic as well as foreign visitors to the centrally protected ticketed monuments at Agra, including Taj Mahal, have increased during October, 2010 as compared to October, 2009, as may be seen from the following figures:-

	Domestic Visitors	Foreign Visitors
October, 2009	480789	112371
October, 2010	555352	129390