

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
LOK SABHA**

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TOURIST FLOW BETWEEN INDIA AND MALAYSIA

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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the tourist flow between India and Malaysia has been increasing in the recent years;
- (b) if so, the number of Indian and Malaysian tourists visited Malaysia and India during 2009 as compared to corresponding period of previous year;
- (c) whether the Government has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Malaysia in the field of tourism;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the salient features thereof; and
- (e) the extent to which both the countries are likely to be benefited by the said MoU?

Answer

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

(a) and (b): The Foreign Tourists Arrivals (FTAs) in India from Malaysia during 2006, 2007, 2008 and 2009 were 107286, 112741, 115794 and 134340 respectively.

The number of Indian National's departure to Malaysia during 2006, 2007 and 2008 were 279046, 422452 and 550738 respectively. This information for the year 2009 is not available.

(c) to (e): Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Malaysia in the field of tourism was signed on 27.10.2010.

The broad areas of co-operation covered in the MoU are:-

- (i) Research and development;
- (ii) Training;
- (iii) Promotional and publicity materials;
- (iv) Meetings, conventions and travel mart/ trade fairs; and
- (v) Investment.

Through this MOU both countries agree to strengthen, promote and develop cooperation in the field of tourism on the basis of equality and mutual benefit.