

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
LOK SABHA**

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TOURISM POTENTIAL OF RAJASTHAN
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the State of Rajasthan has great potential of tourism;
- (b) if so, whether the domestic and foreign tourists are visiting Rajasthan more than other States of the country;
- (c) if so, the number of domestic and foreign tourists visited Rajasthan during the last three years, tourist place-wise;and
- (d) the specific steps taken/being taken by the Union Government for the development of these tourists places of Rajasthan?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (KUMARI SELJA)

(a) to (d): The number of foreign and domestic tourist visits in Rajasthan during the last three years (2006 to 2008) as per information provided by Government of Rajasthan is as follows: -

2006	2007	2008#
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Domestic	23483287	25920529	28358918
Foreign	1220164	1401042	1477646

tentative

Development and promotion of tourism is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations. Ministry of Tourism extends Central Financial Assistance for tourism projects based on the proposals received from them complete in all respects as per the scheme guidelines, inter-se priority and subject to availability of funds.

The Ministry of Tourism has sanctioned 10 projects related to tourism infrastructure for an amount of Rs.57.44 crore during the first two years of the 11th Five Year Plan.