

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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VISIT OF DOMESTIC FOREIGN TOURISTS

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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Domestic Tourist Visits (DTV's) and country-wise Foreign Tourist Visits (FTV's) to various tourists sites in States/Union Territories (UTs) including Bihar, Maharashtra and North- Eastern States alongwith the foreign exchange earnings therefrom during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT- wise and site-wise;

(b) the details of schemes implemented in the country, for attraction of tourists in various States, indicating the tourist spots developed/to be developed and the funds allocated/released thereunder during the said period, State/UT-wise;

(c) whether there has been a drop in inflow of FTV's in the country, particularly in rural tourist sites;

(d) if so, the details thereof, State/UT- wise; and

(e) the other measures taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to improve infrastructure facilities for foreign and domestic tourists in the country, including in Bihar, Maharashtra and North-Eastern States to increase their inflow and make the country as tourist favourite destination?

Answer

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

(a) to (e): The number of Domestic Tourist Visits (DTV's) and Foreign Tourist Visits (FTV's) to different States and Union Territories (UTs), during 2009, 2010 and 2011 are given in Annexure I. The Ministry of Tourism does not compile the numbers of DTV's and country-wise FTV's to different tourist sites including rural tourist spots. This information for the current year is not available. The number of FTV's registered an increase of 8.8% in 2011 over 2010.

The foreign exchange earnings from tourism for the country as a whole during 2009, 2010, 2011 and January – July, 2012 are estimated at Rs.53700 crores, Rs.64889 crores (Provisional), Rs.77591 crores (Provisional) and Rs.52149 crores (Provisional), respectively. The Ministry of Tourism does not compile State-wise estimates of revenue earned from tourism.

Ministry of Tourism provides Central Financial Assistance (CFA) to the State Governments/UT Administrations/Central Government Agencies for the tourism infrastructure development under the following schemes:

- i. Product/Infrastructure Development for Destinations and Circuits
- ii. Large Revenue Generating Project
- iii. Assistance to Central Agencies for Infrastructure Development
- iv. Computerisation and Information Technology
- v. Capacity Building for Service Providers

Ministry of Tourism is also implementing number of schemes of human resource development, market research, domestic and overseas promotion and publicity, etc.

Other efforts made by Ministry of Tourism for improving the facilities for foreign and domestic tourists include, creation/upgradation of tourism infrastructure, wayside amenities, providing last mile connectivity, increasing the availability of budget accommodation and trained manpower, etc.

The numbers of projects and amount sanctioned to different States and UTs, during 2009–10, 2010–11 and 2011–12 are given in Annexure II.