

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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FACILITIES TO ATTRACT FOREIGN TOURISTS
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to provide special facilities to the passengers during the course of air journey in order to attract foreign tourists;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the manner in which the said move is likely to encourage foreign tourists to visit India?

Answer

MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION(SHRI AJIT SINGH)

(a) and (b):- No such proposal is under consideration of the Government. However, to attract foreign tourists, Government is encouraging development of airport infrastructure by way of expansion/ upgradation of existing airports including small and medium airports and also establishment of new airports with a view to ensure :-

(i) Infrastructure is in place ahead of demand.

(ii) Support for airport infrastructure development initiatives to facilitate/ encourage air connectivity to remote and inaccessible areas of tourist importance.

(iii) Government has also declared 17 airports as international airports and 09 airports as custom airports to facilitate foreign tourist across the country.

In addition, Airports Operators are providing world class infrastructure like terminal building, Immigration facility, city side development around airport. Also, many airports at places of tourist importance have been developed.

Further, Ministry of Civil aviation and Ministry of Tourism had on 21.03.2012 signed a MoU to cooperate with each other, so as to promote and market India as a preferred tourism destination and position `Incredible India` as a recognized brand worldwide. The Airlines have been provided Incredible India promotional films for their in-flight screening.

(c):- No such assessment has been made by the Ministry.