

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
TOURISM  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2408  
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BENEFIT ACCRUED TO TOURISM FROM COMMONWEALTH GAMES  
De Dr. Ratna

**Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has benefited from successful completion of Commonwealth Games in October, 2010 to develop tourism in Delhi and other parts of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government allocated any special funds to uplift, renovate and develop tourist spots in Delhi and other parts of the country during the Commonwealth Games; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (DR. K. CHIRANJEEVI)

(a) and (b): Some of the factors responsible for tourist traffic in any country, including India, are air connectivity, availability of reasonably priced hotel accommodation, good tourism infrastructure, hosting of International events in recent past, etc.

The number of domestic tourist visits and foreign tourist visits to Delhi and different States and Union Territories (UTs) of the country as a whole during 2009, 2010 and 2011 are as follows:

Tourist Visits during 2009, 2010 and 2011 (Number in lakh)

Year	Delhi	All States and UTs
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2009	Domestic	88.34	6688.00
	Foreign	19.58	143.72

2010	Domestic	135.58	7477.03
	Foreign	18.94	179.10

2011	Domestic	154.29	8508.57
(Provisional)	Foreign	21.60	194.95

(c) and (d): Development, promotion and upgradation of tourist places is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments/UT Administrations. However, the Ministry of Tourism provides Central Financial Assistance for tourism projects based on the projects prioritized in consultation with the State Governments/UT Administrations and project proposals received from them subject to scheme guidelines, inter-se priority and availability of funds.

State-wise details of the projects sanctioned by Ministry of Tourism, including Delhi, during the first three years of 11th Five Year Plan i.e. 2007 -08, 2008-09 and 2009- 10 are given at Annexure. Projects related to Commonwealth Games 2010 were also included in the usual prioritised projects of Delhi.