

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
LOK SABHA**

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FOREIGN TOURISTS

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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether despite the economic slowdown the Foreign Tourist arrivals has registered a sharp rise; and

(b) if so, the details of foreign exchange earnings and the number of tourists who visited country during 2009-10 so far alongwith nationalities thereof?

Answer

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

(a) and (b): The estimated number of Foreign Tourist Arrivals (FTAs) in India during January-October 2009 is 4.02 million, which is 7% less than the FTAs during the corresponding period of 2008. This decline may be due to various reasons including global slowdown, H1N1 pandemic, etc. The foreign exchange earnings from tourism in India during January-October 2009 are estimated at US\$ 8699 million. Nationality-wise details of FTAs during January-October 2009 are not available.