

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
LOK SABHA**

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ADVISORY OF RUSSIAN PRESIDENT
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Russian President has issued an advisory to its citizens not to travel out of country and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the number of foreign tourists visited India along with the percentage of Russian tourist thereof during each of the last three years and the current year;
- (c) whether the above advisory has adversely affected tourism in the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) whether the Government has taken up the matter with the Russian Government in this regard and if so, the details thereof along with the outcome thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

(a) to (e): No, Madam. No such advisory has been issued, as per information received from the Indian Embassy in Moscow.

The number of foreign tourists that visited India during the last three years and the current year along with the percentage of Russian tourists during 2012 and 2013 is given as under:

| Year | No. of Foreign Tourist Arrivals | No. of Russian Tourists | % share of Russian Tourists |
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| 2012 | 6577745 | 177526 | 2.7% |
| 2013 | 6967601 | 259120 | 3.7% |
| 2014# | 7703386 | NA | NA |
| January | 790100 | NA | NA |
| 2015# | | | |

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