

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways have set up International Tourist Bureau for the convenience of international tourist and NRIs at some selected railway stations in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with facilities likely to be extended to the visiting tourists and NRIs;
- (c) whether it is proposed to extend the scheme to all major railway stations across the country; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

(a) & (b): International Tourist Bureau / Foreign Tourist Counters are in operation at railway stations / cities like New Delhi, Varanasi, Mumbai CST, Gorakhpur and Kolkata wherein international tourists / Non-Resident Indians can purchase train tickets / Indrail Passes by paying in Indian Rupee, US Dollar, Euro and British Pound. Foreign Tourist Quota is earmarked in certain important trains based on demand pattern. Further, foreign tourists can book reserved tickets upto 360 days in advance.

(c) & (d): Opening of International Tourist Bureau / Foreign Tourist Counters at various stations and their proliferation based on demand pattern is a continuous and ongoing process.