

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
LOK SABHA**

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IMPACT OF AIR POLLUTION ON TOURISM
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether some developed countries have instructed their citizens not to visit India due to air pollution in cities and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether there is impact thereof on the incoming of tourists during the current year and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): While referring to the high levels of pollution in some cities, some of the important source countries like USA, Australia, Germany and Canada have advised their citizens especially the elderly and children and those with pre-existing medical conditions to seek medical advise prior to travelling to India. However, no country has advised against travel to India on account of the above.

The Foreign Tourist Arrivals (FTAs) to India during the period January to March 2015 are 22.81 lakh with a growth of 3.2% as compared to the same period in 2014.