

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
LOK SABHA**

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Setting up of National Tourism Board
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the growth registered in Tourism sector during the last three years is substantially lower than estimated;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether there is any proposal to set up a National Tourism Board to speed up and promote tourism in the country; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) and (b): The growth registered in the final figures of Foreign Tourist Arrivals (FTAs) in India during last three years were better than the provisional estimates of FTAs except for the year 2012. The provisional estimates and final figures of FTAs in India along with the growth rates over previous year is given below:

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Year 2012 2013 2014
Provisional FTAs (in million) 6.65 6.85 7.46
Growth rate (%) 5.4 4.1 7.1
Final FTAs (in million) 6.58 6.97 7.68
Growth rate (%) 4.3 5.9 10.2
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(c) and (d): Yes, Madam. One of the suggestions received for National Tourism Policy 2015, being prepared, includes the setting up of a National Tourism Authority/Board.
