

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
TOURISM  
LOK SABHA**

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TOURISTS INFLOW AT RELIGIOUS SITES  
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**Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:**

- (a) the total number of domestic and foreign tourists who visited various religious/pilgrimage sites in the country during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to formulate any scheme to provide better tourist facilities and incentives for health services at these places; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof? ANSWER

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (SHRI SHRIPAD NAIK)

- (a): The number of Domestic Tourist Visits (DTV) and Foreign Tourist Visits (FTV) to States/Union Territories (UTs), which includes the tourists visiting Religious/Pilgrimage sites, during 2011, 2012 and 2013 are given in Annexure. This information is not available for 2014. Ministry of Tourism does not compile the data of tourists visiting Religious/Pilgrimage sites separately.
- (b) and (c): Development and promotion of tourism is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments/UT Administrations. However, the Ministry of Tourism provides Central Financial Assistance for tourism projects including religious/pilgrimage sites based on the projects prioritized in consultation with the State Governments/UT Administrations. The project proposals which are complete as per scheme guidelines are sanctioned and funds released subject to inter-se priority and availability of funds.