

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
LOK SABHA**

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INFLOW OF TOURISTS
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the number of Foreign Tourists Arrivals (FTAs) in India is much less as compared to other Asian countries;
- (b) if so, the comparative details thereof during each of the last three years and the current year;
- (c) whether the Government has any proposal under consideration to improve the infrastructure and facilities at various tourist spots and to establish tourist circuits in the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) the details of places/tourist spots identified for the said purpose State/UT-wise including Rajasthan;
- (f) the amount allocated/sanctioned to the States/UTs including Rajasthan for said purpose; and (g) the follow up action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

- (a) and (b): The numbers of International Tourist Arrivals in India and some other Asian countries showing comparative details during 2011, 2012 and 2013 are given in the Annexure I. This information is not available for 2014.
- (c) to (e): Development and promotion of tourism, including identification of tourist spots, are primarily undertaken by the State Governments/Union Territory (UT) Administrations. However, Ministry of Tourism provides Central Financial Assistance (CFA) for development and promotion of tourism based on proposals received from them subject to liquidation of pending utilization certificate, availability of funds and inter-se priority in accordance with the Scheme Guidelines.
- (f): The details of number of projects and amount sanctioned to various States/UTs, including Rajasthan, during the last three years are given in the Annexure II.
- (g): The State Level Monitoring Committees constituted by different States/Union Territories monitor timely implementation of the tourism projects. Ministry of Tourism also monitors implementation of the tourism projects through site visits and review meetings/regional conferences.