

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1121
ANSWERED ON 17.12.2018**

INFLOW OF TOURISTS

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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of foreign tourists visited India during each of the last three years and the current year and the foreign currency earned by it;**
- (b) whether the number of foreign tourists in India has declined due to the terrorist activities and global recession;**
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the remedial measures taken by the Government in this regard; and**
- (d) the State-wise details of the places in the country where the foreign tourists have visited most?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)

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(a) to (c): The Foreign Tourist Arrivals (FTAs) in India and estimates of Foreign Exchange Earnings (FEEs) through tourism in India during 2015-2018 are as below:

	FTAs (in million)	FEEs (in US\$ billion)
2015	8.03	21.013
2016	8.80	22.923

2017	10.04	27.310
2018 (provisional)	9.37 *	23.537 #

***: January-November, 2018**

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There was no decline in FTAs in the last three years.

(d): As per the latest available data with Ministry of Tourism, the 10 most popular Centrally Protected Ticketed Archaeological Survey of India Monuments for Foreign Visitors during the year 2016-17 are as below:

Sl. No	Name of Monument with State	No. of Foreign visitors
1	Taj Mahal (Uttar Pradesh)	668403
2	Agra fort (Uttar Pradesh)	441326
3	QutbMinar (Delhi)	421084
4	Humayun's Tomb (Delhi)	224234
5	Itimad -ud-Daulah (Uttar Pradesh)	129177
6	Fatehpur Sikri (Uttar Pradesh)	126114
7	Mattancherry Palace Museum (Kerala)	117745
8	Red Fort (Delhi)	114181
9	Lord Cornwallis Tomb (Uttar Pradesh)	86657
10	Group of Monument in Mamallapuram (Tamil Nadu)	62110
