

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM

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POLICE FORCE FOR TOURISM SECTOR

2681. SHRI K. R. ARJUNAN:

Will the Minister of **TOURISM** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the atrocities on tourists visiting the country have damaged the country's reputation to a large extent;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government proposes to set up a separate police force for tourism sector; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
(SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL)

(a) & (b): No, Sir. In fact, there has been steady growth of tourists into the country which is evident from the following data:

Particulars	2015	2016	2017
Foreign Tourist Arrivals in the country(in Million) & its percentage increment	8.03 (4.6%)	8.80 (9.7%)	10.03 (14%)

(c) & (d): The 'Public Order' and 'Police' are State subjects. As such, safety and security of tourists, both domestic and foreign tourists, is the primary responsibility of the State Governments/Union Territories.

However, with efforts of Ministry of Tourism, the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations of Delhi, Goa, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Karnataka, Kerala, Maharashtra, Odisha, Punjab, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan and Andhra Pradesh have deployed tourists police in one form or the other.
