

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM

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IMPACT OF ANTI CAA PROTESTS ON TOURISM INDUSTRY

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

- (a) whether the anti CAA protests have impacted the tourism industry;
- (b) if so, the percentage decline in the number of travellers in December, 2019 and January, 2020, as compared to the previous year;
- (c) the efforts made by the Ministry to increase the tourist flow, especially during the peak period from November to February; and
- (d) the details of loss incurred by the industry and allied services in the last two months?

ANSWER

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

(a) ,(b) & (d): As per the information received form Bureau of Immigration, Government of India , details of Foreign Travellers to India during the below mentioned period are as under:

	Number of Foreign Travellers	Month to Month growth
December 2018	1195946	2.5%
December 2019 (Provisional)	1226304	
January 2019 (Provisional)	1111040	0.6%
January 2020 (Provisional)	1118275	

Thus, there was no decline in Foreign Travellers for December, 2019 and January 2020, as compared to the corresponding months of the respective previous years.

(c): Ministry of Tourism, Government of India has taken several steps to increase tourist inflow in the country, which, inter-alia, include the following:

- The Incredible India 2.0 campaign launched with market specific promotional plans and content creation.
- 24x7 Toll Free Multi-Lingual Tourist Helpline launched in 12 languages including 10 International Languages and Hindi &English.
- Promotion of activities in tourist generating markets overseas through the India Tourism Offices abroad with active participation in International Tourism Events.

- Under RCS-UDAN (Regional Connectivity Scheme- Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik) -3, Ministry of Tourism has got tourism routes included for better connectivity to important tourist destinations.
- Extended E- Visa facility to citizens of 170 countries.
- The e-visa fee has been reduced keeping in view the peak season and the lean season which is as under:

1. e-Tourist Visa for one year- \$ 40
2. e-Tourist visa for 5 Years- \$ 80
3. e-Tourist visa for one month-

- Lean tourist season (April to June)- \$ 10
- Tourist season (July to March)- \$ 25
