

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1755
ANSWERED ON 03.12.2019

INCREASE IN DOMESTIC TOURISM

1755. DR. PRABHAKAR KORE:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Domestic Tourist Visits have been growing at an astonishing pace in recent decades, especially religious tourism in the country;
- (b) if so, number of Domestic Tourist Visits (DTV's) in the country for the last three years, State-wise; and
- (c) the details of steps taken by Government in consultations with the State Governments to improve tourist and religious places to make them tourists friendly?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)

(SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. Domestic Tourist Visits (DTV's) have been increasing during recent decades. Details of DTV's during last three years are given in the **annexure**. Data of tourist visits at religious places is not centrally maintained.

(c): Development and promotion of tourism including religious places is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments/Union Territories. However, Ministry of Tourism, Government of India under its schemes of Swadesh Darshan, Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD) and Assistance to Central Agencies, provides central financial assistance to State Governments/Union Territories/Central Agencies for development of tourism related infrastructure and facilities in the country. The projects under the scheme are identified for development in consultation with concerned State Government/UT Administration and are sanctioned subject to availability of funds, submission of suitable detailed project reports, adherences to scheme guidelines and utilization of funds released earlier.

Further, Ministry of Tourism, Government of India has launched the "Adopt a Heritage: Apni Dharohar, Apni Pehchaan" project which is a collaborative effort by the Ministry of Tourism, Ministry of Culture, Archaeological Survey of India and State/ UTs for developing tourism amenities at heritage/ natural/ tourist sites spread across India for making them tourist friendly, in a planned and phased manner. The project aims to encourage companies from public sector, private sector, corporate citizens, Non-Government Organizations (NGOs), individuals and other stakeholders to take up the responsibility of developing and upgrading the basic and advanced tourist amenities at heritage/natural/ tourist sites. They would also look after the operation & maintenance of the same.

ANNEXURE

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) AND (b) OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1755 ANSWERED ON 03.12.2019 REGARDING INCREASE IN DOMESTIC TOURISM

Domestic Tourist Visits (DTVs) during 2016-2018

		2016	2017	2018 (Revised)
S. No.	States/UTs	DTVs	DTVs	DTVs
1	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	384552	471919	498279
2	Andhra Pradesh	153163354	165433898	194767874
3	Arunachal Pradesh	385875	444005	512436
4	Assam	5160599	6052667	5856282
5	Bihar	28516127	32414063	33621613
6	Chandigarh	1182504	1425781	1538796
7	Chhattisgarh	16534471	17350030	19329501
8	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	589074	614182	609435
9	Daman & Diu	826201	858131	898824
10	Delhi *	28460832	29114423	29114423
11	Goa	5650061	6895234	7081559
12	Gujarat	42252909	48343121	54369873
13	Haryana	7382995	6050325	4888952
14	Himachal Pradesh	17997750	19130541	16093935
15	Jammu & Kashmir	9414579	14235473	17076315
16	Jharkhand	33389286	33723185	35408822
17	Karnataka	129762600	179980191	214306456
18	Kerala	13172536	14673520	15604661
19	Lakshadweep	8716	6620	10435
20	Madhya Pradesh	150490339	78038522	83969799
21	Maharashtra *	116515801	119191539	119191539
22	Manipur	150638	153454	176109
23	Meghalaya	830887	990856	1198340
24	Mizoram	67238	67772	76551
25	Nagaland	58178	63362	101588
26	Odisha	12842766	14011229	15208540
27	Puducherry	1398289	1531972	1616660
28	Punjab	38703326	40293352	44595061
29	Rajasthan	41495115	45916573	50235643
30	Sikkim	747343	1375854	1426127
31	Tamil Nadu	343812413	345061140	385909376
32	Telangana	95160830	85266596	92878329
33	Tripura	370618	398669	414388
34	Uttar Pradesh	213544204	233977619	285079848
35	Uttarakhand	30505363	34359989	35609650
36	West Bengal	74460250	79630345	85657365

* Figure of 2017 repeated for 2018
