

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF TOURISM

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2221**  
ANSWERED ON 04.08.2022

**DELAY IN RESUMING E-VISA SERVICES**

2221 SMT. PRIYANKA CHATURVEDI:

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

- (a) whether there have been losses in tourism revenue due to delay in resuming E-Visa services for citizens of the United Kingdom and Canada, if so, the details thereof; and
- (b) the number of tourists from the UK and Canada from the year 2017 to 2022?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM

(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

(a): Ministry of Home Affairs has informed that e-visa was available to 171 countries prior to its suspension in March, 2020 due to Covid-19 pandemic, however, restoration of e-Visa facility has been made only to 156 countries wherein United Kingdom and Canada are not included, on the basis of business interests, tourism, security and reciprocity, after consultation with stakeholders.

Moreover, Ministry of Tourism, Government of India does not maintain data on revenue generated from tourism.

(b): The details of Foreign Tourist Arrivals (FTAs) in India from United Kingdom (UK) and Canada during 2017 to May, 2022 is given below:

<b>Year</b>	<b>Canada</b>	<b>UK</b>
2017	335439	986296
2018	351040	1029757
2019	351859	1000292
2020	122868	291874
2021	80437	164143
2022 * (January to May)	91266	186582

Source: Bureau of Immigration

\*: Provisional

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