GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF TOURISM

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TOURISM STATISTICS

2095 SHRI K E PRAKASH:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has released the tourism statistics for May 2024, highlighting foreign tourist arrivals and foreign exchange earnings;
- (b) if so, the details of the key figures and trends observed in these statistics compared to the previous year; and
- (c) the manner in which these trends impact the overall economic growth and development of the tourism sector in the country?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a) to (c): Yes. The Ministry of Tourism has released the tourism statistics for May. The highlights of which is given below:

- (i) Foreign Tourist Arrivals (FTAs) in May, 2024 were 6.00 lakh as compared to 5.98 lakh in May, 2023 registering a growth of 0.3% with respect to 2023.
- (ii) FTAs during the period January- May, 2024 were 40.72 lakh as compared to 37.32 lakh in January-May 2023 registering a growth of 9.1% with respect to 2023.
- (iii) Foreign Exchange Earnings (FEEs) during the month of May 2024 were Rs.17,762 crores as compared to Rs.17,206 crores in May 2023 registering a growth of 3.23% with respect to 2023.
- (iv) FEEs during the period January- May 2024 were Rs.1,08,362 crores as compared to Rs.88,441 crores in January-May 2023 registering a growth of 22.52% with respect to 2023.

The trends highlighted indicate a positive impact on the overall economic growth and development of the tourism sector in the country. The data shows a consistent increase in Foreign Tourist Arrivals (FTAs) and Foreign Exchange Earnings (FEEs) suggesting a robust and expanding tourism industry.

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