

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2196#
ANSWERED ON 07.08.2025

RISING FOOTFALL AT TOURIST DESTINATIONS ACROSS THE COUNTRY

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

- (a) whether Government is aware of the fact that the tourist destinations across the country are becoming increasingly overcrowded and difficult to manage every day with heavy influx of tourists causing numerous issues both at these sites and on the roads leading to them;
- (b) whether Government has conducted any study and survey in this regard, if so, the increase in the number of tourists in the last five years, State wise details of major places; and
- (c) the plans/policies of Government to effectively manage the growing tourist inflow at tourist destinations across the country?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM

(SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a) to (c): Development and promotion of tourism destinations and products including destination management is primarily undertaken by the concerned State Governments/Union Territory Administrations.

The Ministry of Tourism has not conducted any specific study to assess the impact of overcrowding at destinations. However, the Ministry under its scheme of Swadesh Darshan 2.0(SD2.0) and ‘Challenge Based Destination Development’, a sub-scheme of Swadesh Darshan 2.0 extends financial assistance to the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations for development of sustainable tourism destinations.

SD2.0 scheme emphasises on implementation of sustainable and responsible tourism practices in various projects and encourages adoption of principles of sustainable tourism including environmental sustainability, socio-cultural sustainability and economic sustainability. Multiple projects sanctioned under the SD2.0 and CBDD schemes include components to promote sustainable tourism including carrying capacity management such as CCTV, pathways, waiting areas, eco-stays, Bio-Toilets, waste management and recycling, eco-friendly transport, solar lighting, parking, etc.

Government of India under ‘Special Assistance to the States for Capital Investment (SASCI) sanctioned 40 projects in the country, the proposals for which were formulated by the State Governments. Under this scheme, the Ministry advised the State Governments to calculate the final carrying capacity after assessing the physical carrying capacity and limiting factors as part of DPR.

To position India as a preferred global destination for sustainable and responsible tourism, the Ministry of Tourism has also formulated a National Strategy for Sustainable Tourism.

Ministry also initiated 'Travel for LiFE' programme, which aims to encourage the tourists and tourism businesses to adopt sustainable tourism practices.

Further, the Ministry compiles data on Domestic and Foreign Tourist Visits (DTV and FTV) to various States and Union Territories based on information received from the respective State/UT Governments. The State-wise data on DTV and FTV for the last five years are placed at Annexure.

ANNEXURE

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2196# ANSWERED ON 07.08.2025 REGARDING RISING FOOTFALL AT TOURIST DESTINATIONS ACROSS THE COUNTRY RAISED BY DR. BHIM SINGH AND DR. LAXMIKANT BAJPAYEE

State wise Domestic and Foreign Tourist Visits (DTV & FTV) during 2019-2024

| S. No. | State/UT | 2019 | | 2020 | | 2021 | | 2022 | | 2023 | | 2024 | |
|--------|----------------------------------|--------------|-----------|-------------|----------|-------------|----------|--------------|-----------|--------------|-----------|--------------|-----------|
| | | DTVs | FTVs | DTVs | FTVs | DTVs | FTVs | DTVs | FTVs | DTVs | FTVs | DTVs | FTVs |
| 1 | Andaman & Nicobar Islands | 5,05,398 | 16,206 | 1,91,207 | 5,412 | 1,26,238 | 1,687 | 2,35,061 | 4,461 | 3,23,189 | 9,025 | 7,10,397 | 11,497 |
| 2 | Andhra Pradesh | 23,70,51,508 | 2,80,356 | 7,08,28,590 | 67,591 | 9,32,77,569 | 27,551 | 19,27,16,721 | 1,65,845 | 25,47,06,328 | 60,426 | 29,02,66,452 | 2,62,431 |
| 3 | Arunachal Pradesh | 5,55,639 | 7,825 | 42,871 | 961 | 1,02,915 | 182 | 2,22,437 | 1,055 | 10,40,601 | 3,816 | 8,69,912 | 4,210 |
| 4 | Assam | 54,47,805 | 26,878 | 12,66,898 | 7,285 | 14,09,161 | 536 | 83,82,003 | 9,001 | 76,12,720 | 23,818 | 76,08,169 | 27,170 |
| 5 | Bihar | 3,39,90,038 | 10,93,141 | 56,38,024 | 3,08,080 | 25,01,193 | 1,046 | 2,53,30,364 | 86,829 | 8,15,85,701 | 5,46,576 | 6,54,63,304 | 7,36,720 |
| 6 | Chandigarh | 15,63,795 | 44,132 | 4,17,953 | 12,218 | 2,28,809 | 5,451 | 30,27,165 | 28,439 | 3,65,591 | 31,498 | 9,98,605 | 39,058 |
| 7 | Chhattisgarh | 1,73,04,506 | 6,817 | 28,10,227 | 2,322 | 47,47,417 | 8 | 2,36,36,291 | 238 | 2,60,22,069 | 953 | 3,14,87,900 | 3,485 |
| 8 | Dadra Nagar Haveli & Daman & Diu | 15,16,134 | 7,369 | 4,02,395 | 1,604 | 6,61,222 | 185 | 7,99,602 | 1,791 | 10,04,327 | 4,049 | 13,58,901 | 2,626 |
| 9 | Delhi | 3,64,67,598 | 29,83,436 | 95,83,671 | 6,81,230 | 1,06,42,477 | 1,00,178 | 2,71,86,209 | 8,15,713 | 3,94,14,622 | 18,28,116 | 4,62,57,000 | 19,99,410 |
| 10 | Goa | 71,27,287 | 9,37,113 | 32,58,715 | 3,02,751 | 33,08,089 | 22,128 | 70,11,992 | 1,74,799 | 81,75,460 | 4,52,692 | 99,41,286 | 4,67,911 |
| 11 | Gujarat | 5,88,64,661 | 5,95,607 | 1,94,64,517 | 2,10,047 | 2,45,25,210 | 11,319 | 13,58,11,325 | 17,77,215 | 17,80,66,579 | 28,06,871 | 18,40,14,075 | 22,74,477 |
| 12 | Haryana | 45,49,017 | 48,046 | 21,14,731 | 17,474 | 20,25,450 | 4,578 | 21,08,496 | 2,439 | 20,12,162 | 1,346 | 18,92,251 | 1,265 |
| 13 | Himachal Pradesh | 1,68,29,231 | 3,82,876 | 31,70,714 | 42,665 | 56,32,270 | 4,932 | 1,50,70,944 | 29,333 | 1,59,42,118 | 62,806 | 1,80,41,929 | 82,765 |
| 14 | Jammu & Kashmir | 1,61,63,330 | 57,920 | 25,19,524 | 5,317 | 1,13,14,920 | 1,650 | 1,84,99,332 | 19,985 | 2,06,79,336 | 55,337 | 2,35,24,629 | 65,452 |
| 15 | Jharkhand | 3,55,80,768 | 1,76,043 | 25,74,704 | 490 | 33,83,642 | 1,637 | 3,82,84,379 | 1,92,319 | 3,57,76,102 | 1,89,261 | 5,40,40,789 | 45,273 |

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| 16 | Karnataka | 22,79,34,714 | 6,08,754 | 7,74,53,339 | 1,65,325 | 8,13,33,659 | 72,487 | 18,24,13,203 | 1,28,520 | 28,41,20,502 | 4,09,333 | 30,45,63,569 | 4,85,204 |
| 17 | Kerala | 1,83,84,233 | 11,89,771 | 49,88,972 | 3,40,755 | 75,37,617 | 60,487 | 1,88,67,414 | 3,45,549 | 2,18,71,641 | 6,49,057 | 2,22,46,989 | 7,38,374 |
| 18 | Lakshadweep | 6,985 | 820 | 3,462 | 413 | 13,500 | 4 | 22,844 | 125 | 45,796 | 755 | 67,430 | 898 |
| 19 | Madhya Pradesh | 8,87,07,139 | 3,27,958 | 2,35,19,632 | 99,819 | 2,55,54,067 | 41,601 | 3,58,48,781 | 2,04,454 | 11,19,46,409 | 1,82,685 | 13,31,76,410 | 1,67,535 |
| 20 | Maharashtra | 14,92,94,703 | 55,28,704 | 3,92,34,591 | 12,62,409 | 4,35,69,238 | 1,85,643 | 11,12,97,624 | 15,11,623 | 16,13,59,527 | 33,87,739 | 18,93,71,541 | 37,05,170 |
| 21 | Manipur | 1,67,560 | 13,608 | 49,669 | 3,139 | 49,371 | 648 | 1,39,518 | 3,908 | 57,701 | 3,668 | 29,102 | 2,518 |
| 22 | Meghalaya | 12,45,633 | 25,813 | 24,734 | 2,311 | 1,54,409 | 411 | 9,37,091 | 7,774 | 13,71,674 | 19,973 | 14,02,624 | 20,023 |
| 23 | Mizoram | 1,63,762 | 2,249 | 30,890 | 265 | 87,232 | 234 | 2,18,420 | 2,611 | 2,15,230 | 3,884 | 5,18,873 | 5,911 |
| 24 | Nagaland | 1,25,949 | 5,577 | 10,979 | 518 | 23,968 | 325 | 97,431 | 2,923 | 99,720 | 4,725 | 1,25,516 | 5,623 |
| 25 | Odisha | 1,53,07,637 | 1,15,128 | 46,22,273 | 10,206 | 37,42,221 | 2,269 | 78,67,909 | 22,121 | 97,25,184 | 45,173 | 1,09,98,819 | 53,392 |
| 26 | Puducherry | 17,13,248 | 1,49,919 | 11,14,942 | 92,080 | 12,53,213 | 321 | 17,60,480 | 862 | 20,92,076 | 31,214 | 21,19,792 | 17,819 |
| 27 | Punjab | 4,73,85,387 | 11,01,343 | 1,66,92,197 | 3,59,114 | 2,66,40,429 | 3,08,135 | 2,60,89,425 | 3,29,458 | 3,57,07,600 | 7,41,734 | 2,77,45,183 | 5,41,784 |
| 28 | Rajasthan | 5,22,20,431 | 16,05,560 | 1,51,17,239 | 4,46,457 | 2,19,88,734 | 34,806 | 10,83,28,156 | 3,96,684 | 17,90,51,925 | 16,99,869 | 23,00,84,198 | 20,72,407 |
| 29 | Sikkim | 14,21,823 | 1,33,388 | 3,16,408 | 19,935 | 5,11,669 | 11,508 | 16,25,573 | 68,645 | 13,21,169 | 93,908 | 15,40,421 | 84,820 |
| 30 | Tamil Nadu | 49,48,65,257 | 68,66,327 | 14,06,51,241 | 12,28,323 | 11,53,36,719 | 57,622 | 21,85,84,846 | 4,07,126 | 28,60,11,515 | 11,74,899 | 30,68,42,014 | 11,61,302 |
| 31 | Tripura | 4,37,201 | 1,54,405 | 1,27,815 | 31,877 | 1,77,816 | 5 | 2,35,600 | 8,493 | 3,66,104 | 66,708 | 6,00,651 | 1,02,624 |
| 32 | Telengana | 8,30,35,894 | 3,23,326 | 3,99,97,001 | 46,694 | 3,20,00,620 | 5,917 | 6,07,48,425 | 68,401 | 5,84,47,573 | 1,60,912 | 8,82,39,675 | 1,55,313 |
| 33 | Uttar Pradesh | 53,58,55,162 | 47,45,181 | 8,61,22,293 | 8,90,932 | 10,97,08,435 | 44,737 | 31,79,13,587 | 6,48,986 | 47,85,25,688 | 16,01,503 | 64,68,07,146 | 23,64,996 |
| 34 | Uttarakhand | 3,75,85,920 | 1,52,273 | 70,05,264 | 41,339 | 1,94,34,475 | 8,532 | 5,46,42,559 | 61,561 | 5,94,88,189 | 1,48,412 | 5,93,73,869 | 1,76,408 |
| 35 | West Bengal | 9,23,66,025 | 16,56,145 | 2,88,41,732 | 4,63,285 | 2,43,25,984 | 34,828 | 8,45,42,195 | 10,37,017 | 14,56,69,292 | 27,06,942 | 18,44,75,527 | 31,24,462 |
| 36 | Ladakh | 2,41,285 | 38,652 | 6,743 | 1,126 | 3,03,023 | 1,054 | 5,10,137 | 21,259 | 4,89,059 | 36,315 | 3,36,682 | 39,704 |
| | Total | 2,32,19,82,663 | 3,14,08,666 | 61,02,16,157 | 71,71,769 | 67,76,32,981 | 10,54,642 | 1,73,10,13,539 | 85,87,562 | 2,51,07,10,479 | 1,92,45,998 | 2,94,71,41,630 | 2,10,50,037 |
