

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3346#
ANSWERED ON 21.08.2025

OVERCROWDING AT TOURIST PLACES

3346# SHRI NEERAJ DANGI:

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

- (a) whether Government is aware of the problems caused by overcrowding at the most popular tourist destinations in the country;
- (b) if so, the numbers of tourists recorded at such destinations along with the number of accidents that occurred during the last two years, State-wise;
- (c) whether poor management by public or private organisations is contributing to overcrowding at tourist places; and
- (d) if so, the policy of Government regarding formulation of stringent regulations for the management of tourist destinations?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM

(SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a) to (d): 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 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 of Tourism does not compile data of accidents at destinations. However, the details of Domestic and Foreign Tourist Visits (DTV and FTV) to various States and Union Territories based on information received from the respective State/UT Governments for the last two years is Annexed.

ANNEXURE

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3346# ANSWERED ON 21.08.2025 REGARDING OVERCROWDING AT TOURIST PLACES RAISED BY SHRI NEERAJ DANGI

State wise Domestic and Foreign Tourist Visits (DTVs & FTVs) during last two years:

S. No.	State/UT	2023		2024	
		DTVs	FTVs	DTVs	FTVs
1	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	3,23,189	9,025	7,10,397	11,497
2	Andhra Pradesh	25,47,06,328	60,426	29,02,66,452	2,62,431
3	Arunachal Pradesh	10,40,601	3,816	8,69,912	4,210
4	Assam	76,12,720	23,818	76,08,169	27,170
5	Bihar	8,15,85,701	5,46,576	6,54,63,304	7,36,720
6	Chandigarh	3,65,591	31,498	9,98,605	39,058
7	Chhattisgarh	2,60,22,069	953	3,14,87,900	3,485
8	Dadra Nagar Haveli & Daman & Diu	10,04,327	4,049	13,58,901	2,626
9	Delhi	3,94,14,622	18,28,116	4,62,57,000	19,99,410
10	Goa	81,75,460	4,52,692	99,41,286	4,67,911
11	Gujarat	17,80,66,579	28,06,871	18,40,14,075	22,74,477
12	Haryana	20,12,162	1,346	18,92,251	1,265
13	Himachal Pradesh	1,59,42,118	62,806	1,80,41,929	82,765
14	Jammu & Kashmir	2,06,79,336	55,337	2,35,24,629	65,452
15	Jharkhand	3,57,76,102	1,89,261	5,40,40,789	45,273
16	Karnataka	28,41,20,502	4,09,333	30,45,63,569	4,85,204
17	Kerala	2,18,71,641	6,49,057	2,22,46,989	7,38,374
18	Lakshadweep	45,796	755	67,430	898
19	Madhya Pradesh	11,19,46,409	1,82,685	13,31,76,410	1,67,535
20	Maharashtra	16,13,59,527	33,87,739	18,93,71,541	37,05,170
21	Manipur	57,701	3,668	29,102	2,518
22	Meghalaya	13,71,674	19,973	14,02,624	20,023
23	Mizoram	2,15,230	3,884	5,18,873	5,911
24	Nagaland	99,720	4,725	1,25,516	5,623
25	Odisha	97,25,184	45,173	1,09,98,819	53,392
26	Puducherry	20,92,076	31,214	21,19,792	17,819
27	Punjab	3,57,07,600	7,41,734	2,77,45,183	5,41,784
28	Rajasthan	17,90,51,925	16,99,869	23,00,84,198	20,72,407
29	Sikkim	13,21,169	93,908	15,40,421	84,820
30	Tamil Nadu	28,60,11,515	11,74,899	30,68,42,014	11,61,302
31	Tripura	3,66,104	66,708	6,00,651	1,02,624
32	Telengana	5,84,47,573	1,60,912	8,82,39,675	1,55,313
33	Uttar Pradesh	47,85,25,688	16,01,503	64,68,07,146	23,64,996
34	Uttarakhand	5,94,88,189	1,48,412	5,93,73,869	1,76,408
35	West Bengal	14,56,69,292	27,06,942	18,44,75,527	31,24,462
36	Ladakh	4,89,059	36,315	3,36,682	39,704
	Total	2,51,07,10,479	1,92,45,998	2,94,71,41,630	2,10,50,037
