

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4032
ANSWERED ON 18.08.2025**

SURGE IN FOREIGN TOURIST ARRIVALS

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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of number of Foreign Tourist Arrivals (FTAs) recorded in the country during the last five years, year-wise;**
- (b) whether India's tourism sector has seen a significant recovery after the COVID-19 pandemic, with international tourist arrivals exceeding pre-pandemic levels;**
- (c) if so, the details thereof;**
- (d) the details of the top ten source markets for FTAs during the last five years;**
- (e) whether the surge in foreign tourist arrivals has a positive impact on the Indian economy, contributing significantly to foreign exchange earnings and job creation in the tourism sector; and**
- (f) if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a) to (c): The details of Foreign Tourist Arrivals (FTAs) and International Tourist Arrivals (ITAs) during the last five years are given below:

Year	FTAs (in lakh)	ITAs (in lakh)
2020	27.45	63.37
2021	15.27	70.10
2022	64.37	143.30
2023	95.21	188.99
2024	99.52	205.69

Source: Bureau of Immigration

(d): The details of top 10 source markets for FTAs during the last five years is placed at Annexure.

(e) & (f): The Foreign Exchange Earnings from tourism in India during the same period is given below:

Year	FEEs from Tourism in India (in Rs. Crore)
2020	95,738
2021	63,978
2022	1,69,917
2023	2,66,045
2024 ^{#2}	2,93,033

#2: Revised Estimates

The contribution of tourism sector to the country's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) for 2020-21 to 2023-24 is given below:

Year	Total Share in GDP (in %)
2020-21	1.50
2021-22	1.75
2022-23*	5.09
2023-24 (P)	5.22

***: Revised estimates**

(P): Provisional estimates

Source: Estimates based on the National Account Statistics (NAS) 2025

The Employment scenario in the tourism sector in India for the year 2020-21 to 2023-24 is given below:

Year	Total Number of tourism jobs (in million)
2020-21	68.07
2021-22	70.04
2022-23	76.17
2023-24	84.63

Source: Estimates based on Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS)

ANNEXURE**STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PART (d) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4032 ANSWERED ON 18.08.2025 REGARDING SURGE IN FOREIGN TOURIST ARRIVALS RAISED BY PROF. SOUGATA RAY**

Foreign Tourist Arrivals (FTAs) from top 10 source countries during the last five years:

S. No.	Country	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
1	United States	3,94,092	4,29,860	14,03,399	16,91,498	18,04,586
2	Bangladesh	5,49,273	2,40,554	12,77,557	21,19,826	17,50,165
3	United Kingdom	2,91,874	1,64,143	6,41,051	9,20,591	10,22,587
4	Australia	86,758	33,864	3,76,898	4,56,167	5,18,205
5	Canada	1,22,868	80,437	2,89,259	3,85,938	4,76,273
6	Malaysia	69,897	6,628	1,26,192	2,62,458	3,07,526
7	Sri Lanka	68,646	25,989	1,83,459	2,80,327	2,81,827
8	Germany	72,558	33,772	1,41,425	2,23,575	2,56,348
9	France	74,243	30,374	1,20,282	1,88,981	2,06,855
10	Singapore	33,747	13,407	1,32,668	1,83,772	2,05,383
Other Countries		9,80,810	4,68,086	17,45,277	28,07,795	31,21,967
Total FTAs		27,44,766	15,27,114	64,37,467	95,20,928	99,51,722

Source: Bureau of Immigration
