

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1421
ANSWERED ON 11.12.2025

FOOTFALL OF FOREIGN TOURISTS

1421 DR. M. THAMBIDURAI:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the footfall of foreign tourists in the country has dipped;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor and the details of foreign tourist arrivals in the country during the last five years, country-wise; and
- (c) the details of efforts made to address the decline and attract more tourists to visit the country?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM

(SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a) & (b): The Foreign Tourist Arrivals (FTAs) in India during the last five years are given below:

(in lakh)	
Year	FTAs
2020	27.45
2021	15.27
2022	64.37
2023	95.21
2024	99.52

Source: Bureau of Immigration

The Country-wise FTAs during the last five years are given in the **Annexure**.

(c): The Ministry of Tourism has taken several steps and initiatives to attract more tourist in the country. The details are as follows:

- The Ministry of Tourism under the schemes of ‘Swadesh Darshan’, ‘National Mission on Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD)’ and ‘Assistance to Central Agencies for Tourism Infrastructure Development’ provides financial assistance to State Governments/ Union Territory Administrations/ Central Agencies for the development of tourism related infrastructure and facilities at various tourism destinations in the country.
- Ministry of Tourism through its various campaigns and events promotes various tourism destinations and products of India in domestic and international markets. Some of the initiatives are Dekho Apna Desh campaign, International Tourism Mart, Bharat Parv etc.

- Thematic tourism like wellness tourism, culinary tourism, rural, eco-tourism, etc. amongst other niche subjects are promoted so as to expand the scope of tourism into other sectors as well.
- Enhance the overall quality and visitor experience through initiatives focused on capacity building, skill development such as ‘Capacity Building for Service Providers’, ‘Incredible India Tourist Facilitator’ (IITF), 'Paryatan Mitra' and 'Paryatan Didi’.
- e-Visa scheme is now available to 171 countries and it is available for 9 sub-categories:
 - i. e-Tourist Visa
 - ii. e-Business Visa
 - iii. e-Medical Visa
 - iv. e-Conference Visa
 - iv. e-Medical Attendant Visa
 - v. e-Ayush Visa
 - vi. e-Ayush Attendant Visa
 - vii. e- Student Visa
 - viii. e-Student X Visa

ANNEXURE

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) & (b) OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1421 ANSWERED ON 11.12.2025 REGARDING FOOTFALL OF FOREIGN TOURISTS RAISED BY DR. M. THAMBIDURAI

The details of Foreign Tourist Arrivals (FTAs) in India from major source countries during 2020 to 2024 are as under:

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
11	Nepal	40,822	52,544	1,38,203	1,95,445	2,02,501
12	Japan	48,191	15,358	64,196	1,50,521	1,94,875
13	Russian Federation	1,02,166	17,567	97,911	1,64,125	1,60,188
14	Italy	31,186	13,659	62,226	1,16,031	1,42,239
15	Thailand	52,626	4,668	54,367	1,16,060	1,40,489
16	Korea (ROK)	32,302	13,330	49,423	97,726	1,12,924
17	Netherlands	26,258	15,631	55,019	82,047	93,579
18	Portugal	31,005	32,064	69,522	81,916	92,582
19	Maldives	14,536	26,571	71,707	83,776	84,770
20	Spain	16,335	6,982	39,658	73,412	81,959
21	New Zealand	16,653	4,497	54,974	72,458	81,115
22	Oman	15,430	10,174	56,474	71,980	66,703
23	United Arab Emirates	7,387	3,927	43,702	59,480	66,699
24	Philippines	16,052	6,927	28,379	50,064	57,542
25	Vietnam	8,828	1,104	37,232	57,284	54,091
26	Kenya	12,779	13,373	35,743	49,574	52,294
27	Mauritius	11,410	2,118	24,743	40,442	48,683
28	Myanmar	35,291	3,013	15,963	51,235	47,588
29	Israel	17,444	4,601	36,418	44,996	47,465
30	Ireland	9,708	7,600	30,959	39,166	46,494
	Others	4,34,401	2,12,378	6,78,458	11,10,057	12,47,187
	Total	27,44,766	15,27,114	64,37,467	95,20,928	99,51,722

Source: Bureau of Immigration
