

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3876
ANSWERED ON 16.03.2026**

**DIFFERENTIAL ENTRY FEE STRUCTURE
FOR FOREIGN TOURISTS**

3876. DR. RANI SRIKUMAR:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that presently foreign tourists, except those from SAARC nations, are charged significantly higher entry fees at major heritage monuments and tourist sites in the country;**
- (b) whether the Government is aware that despite low inflow of foreign tourists, high entry fees discourage the tourists belong to economically weaker and underdeveloped nations visiting India;**
- (c) whether the Government proposes to review the existing system and introduce a differentiated fee structure based on the economic status of the countries, wherein tourists from developed nations are charged relatively higher fees than those from developing and underdeveloped countries; and**
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a): Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) follows two-tiered ticket charges based on the scheduled category of the protected monuments and sites for foreign nationals and Indian nationals along with citizens from SAARC and BIMSTEC group of countries.

(b): The practice of charging a differential entry fee at protected monuments of Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) from foreign nationals is in consonance with the global practices followed worldwide.

(c) & (d): At present, no such proposal is under consideration.
