GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF TOURISM

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1096 ANSWERED ON 02.12.2024

INFLUX OF BANGLADESHI TOURISTS

1096. SHRI JAGANNATH SARKAR:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the number of tourists arriving in the country from Bangladesh during the last five years, year-wise;
- (b) the details of the States in the country that are most visited by these tourists, and whether there are specific tourist attractions in India that are particularly popular among visitors from Bangladesh, if yes, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of impact of the influx of tourists from Bangladesh on the local economy and tourism industry in the country;
- (d) whether there has been a decrease in the number of Bangladeshi tourists visiting the country since July 2024, particularly in light of the ongoing crisis in Bangladesh; and
- (e) if so, the details of the number of tourists reduced in comparison to the previous year?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a): As per the data from Bureau of Immigration, the details of Foreign Tourist Arrivals (FTAs) in India from Bangladesh during 2019-2024 (till August) is placed below:

Year	FTAs		
2019	25,77,727		
2020	5,49,273		
2021	2,40,554		
2022	12,77,557		
2023	21,19,826		
2024 (till August)(P)	12,85,783		

(P): Provisional

Source: Bureau of Immigration

(b): Ministry of Tourism does not maintain State-wise and attraction-wise Foreign Tourist Arrivals (FTAs).

(c): No such study has been conducted by the Ministry of Tourism to assess the impact of the influx of tourist from Bangladesh on the local economy and tourism industry in the country.

(d) & (e): A decline has been observed in Foreign Tourist Arrivals (FTAs) from Bangladesh in July and August 2024 compared to respective months in 2023. The details are provided in the Annexure.

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STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (d) & (e) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1096 ANSWERED ON 02.12.2024 REGARDING INFLUX OF BANGLADESHI TOURISTS RAISED BY SHRI JAGANNATH SARKAR.

Months	2023	2024 (P)	Growth Rate (2024/23)
January	1,63,793	1,52,976	-6.60
February	1,80,317	1,91,965	6.46
March	1,98,463	1,65,208	-16.76
April	1,62,009	1,71,122	5.62
May	1,76,330	1,47,091	-16.58
June	1,77,091	2,01,162	13.59
July	1,96,991	1,57,086	-20.26
August	1,60,164	99,173	-38.08
September	1,73,982	-	-
October	1,77,917	-	-
November	1,63,776	-	-
December	1,88,993	-	-
Total (Jan- August)	14,15,158	12,85,783	-9.14
Total	21,19,826	-	-

Foreign Tourist Arrivals in India from Bangladesh:

(P): Provisional

Source: Bureau of Immigration

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