

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
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DECLINE IN FOREIGN TOURIST ARRIVALS

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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has taken note of the decline in foreign tourist arrivals during the last quarter;**
- (b) if so, the details of the factors responsible for this decline; and**
- (c) the details of the steps taken/being taken to promote India as a safe, affordable and attractive global tourism destination?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a) & (b): The Foreign Tourist Arrivals (FTAs) during the first three quarter of this year are given below:

Quarter	FTAs 2025 (in lakh)
Q1 (Jan to March)	26.15
Q2 (April to June)	16.48
Q3 (July to September)	19.20
Total	61.83

Source: Bureau of Immigration

The decline in Foreign Tourist Arrivals is mainly due to decline in arrival from Bangladesh and several other factors, including seasonal variations in travel patterns, the prevailing geopolitical scenario, and other country-specific dynamics affecting outbound travel.

(c): Ministry of Tourism has taken several steps to promote India as a safe, affordable and attractive global tourism destination, as follows:

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.

Further, Ministry of Tourism promotes India in a holistic manner, through various initiatives under its Schemes of "Domestic Promotion & Publicity including Hospitality" (DPPH) and "Overseas Promotion & Publicity (OPP)". As part of its on-going activities; it regularly releases print, electronic, online and outdoor media campaigns in the international markets, to promote various tourism destinations and products of India. The Ministry of Tourism also regularly promotes various tourism destinations and products through its website and social media promotions.

The Incredible India Content Hub was launched which is a comprehensive digital repository, featuring a rich collection of high-quality images, films, brochures, and newsletters related to tourism in India.

For improving air connectivity from unserved and underserved airports in the country and make air travel affordable to the masses, Ministry of Tourism has collaborated with Ministry of Civil Aviation under their RCS-UDAN Scheme. As on date, 53 tourism routes have been operationalized.

While safety and security of tourists is primarily a State Government subject, the Ministry of Tourism has been continuously taking up the matter with all the State Governments/Union Territory (UT) Administrations for setting up of dedicated Tourism Police. With the efforts of Ministry of Tourism, the State Governments /UT Administrations of Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Delhi, Goa, Karnataka, Kerala, Maharashtra, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu and Kashmir, Madhya Pradesh, Odisha, Punjab, Rajasthan, Sikkim, Telangana and Uttar Pradesh have deployed tourist police, in one form or the other.
