

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
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TOURISM OFFICES ABROAD
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the amount paid by way of salary, allowances etc. to the employees and the miscellaneous expenditure incurred on the tourist offices located in foreign countries; and

(b) the performance of these offices in attracting foreign tourists vis-à-vis their expenditure?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTHKUMAR)

a): During the financial years 1997-98 and 1998-99 the expenditure by way of salaries etc. incurred on Government of India Tourist Offices overseas is mentioned below:-

Year Salary Other Establishment Expenses (Rs. in crores)

1997-98	4.78	6.10
1998-99	6.37	6.91

b): The Overseas Offices play an important role in promoting tourism to India. The tourist arrivals increased from 16,77,508 in 1991 to 24,81,928 in 1999. The growth in 1999 is 5.2% higher than 1998.