

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM AND CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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VISIT OF TOURISTS
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Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government are aware that number of foreign tourists visiting the country has remained unchanged whereas the number of tourists going abroad is steadily increasing;
- (b) if so, the number of foreign tourists visited India alongwith the number of Indian tourists visited abroad during the last two years; and
- (c) the foreign exchange earned and the foreign exchange spent by Indian tourists on foreign tours?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN)

(a) and (b): The number of foreign tourists who visited India and the number of Indian nationals who visited various countries abroad during the last two years are as follows:-

Year	No. of Foreign Tourists (In Million)	No. of Indians went abroad (In Million)
2001	2.54	4.56
2002	2.36	4.62

(c): The foreign exchange inflow & outflow under the head "Travel" as estimated by the Reserve Bank of India for the years 2001 & 2002 are as follows:-

Year	Foreign exchange Inflow (In Rs. Crores)	Foreign exchange Outflow (In Rs. Crores)
2001	14344	12103
2002	14195	14298