

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

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TOURISM POLICY
SURESH CHANDEL

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

- (a) whether the Government have formulated/contemplated to formulate any tourism policy to encourage private participation in the tourism sector emphasising better co-ordination amongst various Ministries concerned;
- (b) if so, the total number of foreign tourists visited the country during the year 1999 and during the first six months of the current year;
- (c) whether more tourists are likely to visit India due to better co-ordination and more facilities; and
- (d) if so, the steps being taken by the Government to provide better facilities to foreign tourists in India?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTHKUMAR)

- (a): Yes, Sir. Government have drafted National Tourism Policy which includes facilitating the development of a dynamic private sector in tourism industry.
- (b): Total number of foreign tourists who visited the country during the year 1999 and during January to June this year are 24,81,928 and 12,56,133 (Provisional) respectively.
- (c): Yes, Sir.
- (d): Various steps taken by the Government to provide better facilities to foreign tourists include development and improvement of tourist infrastructure facilities, publicity, use of information technology, installation of Touch Screen Information Kiosks, etc.