

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
LOK SABHA**

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TOURISM DEVELOPMENT IN ASSAM
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether with improvement in Law and Order in Assam and other North Eastern States the tourist traffic in Assam and the North East region has increased;
- (b) If so, the number of domestic/foreign tourists visited North Eastern States during 2000 and 2001 in comparison to 2002, 2003 and half year of 2004;
- (c) the further steps proposed by the Government to promote the tourism in these states;
- (d) whether Government have any proposal to include Assam in tourism map; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (SMT.RENUKA CHOWDHURY)

(a) and (b): Yes, Sir. Tourist arrival figures in NE States including Assam are as follows:-

Year	Domestic	Foreign
2000	1592961	21849
2001	1769161	41167
2002	2780137	19445
2003	2081249	29270
2004#	272373	23775

(provisional figures)

(c), (d) and (e): The Department of Tourism, Government of India has introduced new schemes i.e. Integrated Development of Tourism Circuits, Product/Infrastructure and Destination Development and Large Revenue Generating Projects during Tenth Five Year Plan for development and promotion of tourism in all the States in the country including North Eastern Region. Of the Plan budget allocation of the Department 10 per cent has been earmarked for NE Region.

For the NE Region, the Department of Tourism has identified North - East Circuit (Eco-Tourism Circuit), covering following places namely, Shillong-Guwahati-Kaziranga-Tezpur-Bhalukpong-Tawang (Arunachal Pradesh)-Majuli-Sibsagar-Kohima, during 2002-2003, by engaging Experts from HUDCO.