

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
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VISIT OF TOURISTS TO THAILAND
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the number of domestic tourists who visited Thailand as against the number of Thai tourists, visited India during the last three years, year-wise;
- (b) the gap between the number of Indian tourists and Thai tourists; and
- (c) the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to attract more Thai tourists to the country?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SMT. RENUKA CHOWDHURY)

(a) and (b): As per the information received from Bureau of Immigration, details of Thai tourists visiting India, and as per information published by World Tourism Organisation (WTO), Indian nationals visiting Thailand during the years 2001, 2002 and 2003 and the gap is given below:

Year	No. of Thai Tourist arrivals in India	No. of Indian Nationals visiting Thailand	Gap between the Indian & Thai Tourists
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4) = (3) - (2)
2001	18,623	2,29,751	2,11,128
2002	19,649	2,80,641	2,60,992
2003	25,754	2,53,752	2,27,998

During the year 2004 an estimated 29,400 Thai tourists visited India. The corresponding figures of Indian nationals visiting Thailand are not available for year 2004.

(c): The Ministry of Tourism, through the Indiatourism office in Singapore, undertakes a series of promotional activities in the region, including Thailand, to attract a greater number of tourists from Thailand to visit India. These include advertising, participation in fairs and exhibitions, organizing seminars, workshops and road shows, publication of brochures, joint advertising support and inviting media personalities, tour operators and opinion makers to visit the country under the Hospitality Programme of the Ministry.