

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
TOURISM  
LOK SABHA**

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AGREEMENT WITH CHINA TO PROMOTE TOURISM  
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**Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government proposes to make an agreement with China for promotion of tourism in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof ;
- (c) the details of foreign tourists visited the country during the last three years and current year; and
- (d) the foreign exchange earned as a result thereof during the said period?

**Answer**

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

(a) and (b) : A tourism cooperation agreement was signed between China & India on 14th January, 2002. In pursuance of the tourism agreement signed, a Memorandum of Understanding was signed on 8th December, 2002 between India and China on the implementation plan for organized group travel by Chinese citizens to India. The agreement provides for expanding cooperation in the field of tourism between the two countries.

(c): The number of foreign tourists that visited India in the last three years and current year are as follows:

2002	2.38 Million
2003	2.73 Million
2004	3.37 Million

2005 (January to October) 2.96 Million (provisional)

(d) : The foreign exchange earned during the said period is as follows:-

Year (Rs. in crore)

2002	14195
2003	16429
2004	21828

2005 (January to October) 20512.68 (Provisional)