

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
LOK SABHA**

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EFFECT ON TOURISM DUE TO TERRORIST ATTACKS
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there has been any impact on tourism sector due to recent terrorist attacks;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has made any assessment in this regard; and
- (d) if so, the remedial steps taken by the Government?

Answer

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

(a), (b), and (c): The foreign tourist arrivals to India witnessed an increase of about 14% during Jan-Nov.2005 over the same period of last year, indicating that terrorist attacks have no impact on the tourist arrivals. Even during the month of November 2005, an estimated 3,83,400 foreign tourists arrived to India compared to 3,22,000 during October 2005 showing an increase of about 19% during November 2005 over October 2005.

(d): In order to prevent any adverse impact of recent terrorist attacks, the Ministry of Tourism took up the matter with the Ministry of External Affairs, domestic and overseas Indiatourism offices, and trade associations to counteract any negative publicity and adverse impact on tourist arrivals.