

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
TOURISM  
LOK SABHA**

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DECREASE IN ARRIVAL OF TOURISTS  
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**Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government is aware of decreasing number of tourists to bird sanctuaries, sanctuaries and National Park in Uttar Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the decrease in the number of tourists registered during the last three years, till date; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to improve the situation?

**Answer**

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

(a) and (b): As per the information received from U.P. Forest Department, there is one National Park (Dudhwa) and 24 Wildlife sanctuaries in U.P. and tourists mostly visit the Dudhwa National Park. Tourist visits to the Dhudhwa National Park are as follows:

Year	No. of tourists
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2002-03	4902
2003-04	4465
2004-05	4734

There has been a marginal fluctuation in the number of tourist visits to the `Park` in the last three years but there is no decreasing trend.

(c): Development of tourism in the States, including at the National Parks, sanctuaries etc. is the responsibility of the State Governments. The tourism in Dhudhwa National Park is being promoted by the State Tourism Department in collaboration with U.P. Forest Department. The Ministry of Tourism, as part of its promotional activities has, however, brought out a theme brochure on `Nature & Wildlife`, inter-alia, giving details about the Park, best time to visit, lodging facilities available and how to get there.