

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
TOURISM  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3865  
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ARRIVAL OF TOURISTS  
Maheshwari Smt. Kiran

**Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether tourist arrivals in India during January to March 2005 have increased by 15.1 percent as compared to the corresponding period last year;
- (b) if so, whether foreign exchange earnings have increased by 27 percent to \$2,374 million during first five months of 2005; and
- (c) if so, the earnings in 2004 as compared to 2003, and the increase in budgetary allocations made for 2005-06?

**Answer**

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

(a): During the period January-March 2005, an estimated 10,77,454 foreign tourists arrived in India as compared to 9,07,804 during January-March 2004, showing an increase of 18.7%.

(b): Yes, Sir.

(c): The estimated foreign exchange earnings during 2004 were US\$ million 4810 as compared to US\$ million 3533 during the year 2003, showing an increase of about 36%.

The Approved Plan Outlay for 2005-06 of the Ministry of Tourism is Rs.786 crore, which is an increase of Rs.286 crore over Rs.500 crore allocated during 2004-05.