

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM AND CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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DEVELOPMENT OF TOURIST PLACES
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Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of foreign tourists visited Trimbakeshwar, Anjaneri and Shriram Temple in Nasik District of Maharashtra;
- (b) whether the Government is contemplating any scheme for the development of Trimbakeshwar, Anjaneri and Shriram Temples to attract more foreign tourist at these places; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SMT. AMBIKA SONI)

(a): The tourist arrival figures are not maintained District-wise. However, the number of tourists who visited the State of Maharashtra during the last three years are given below:

Year	Foreign	Domestic
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2002	768935	9802527
2003	986544	11272906
2004	1218382	13392212

(b)and (c):Development and promotion of tourism in the country is a continuous process. However, identification of places of tourist interest/spots is primarily the responsibility of the State Government concerned. The Ministry of Tourism provides funds on the basis of project proposals prioritized for grant of central financial assistance every year under the following schemes after detailed consultation with the State Governments/UT Administrations:

- (i) Tourist Circuits
- (ii) Product Infrastructure & Destination Development
- (iii) Large Revenue Generating projects

No project proposal for development of Trimbakeshwar, Anjaneri and Shriram Temples was prioritized for grant of central financial assistance either during the year 2005-06 or 2006-07 nor has any such project proposal been received. However, a project for budget accommodation at Trimbakeshwar which was sanctioned for Rs.49.00 lakh during 2003-04 has since been completed.