

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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DEVELOPMENT OF AGRA AS WORLD HERITAGE CITY

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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of foreign tourists visited Taj Mahal during each of the last three years:
- (b) whether the Union Government has chalked out any Action Plan to develop Agra as World Heritage City;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the estimated expenditure likely to be incurred thereon; and
- (e) the steps taken / being taken to implement the Action Plan?

Answer

MINISTER FOR TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI)

- (a) The number of foreign tourists who visited Taj Mahal during each of the last three years is as under:

Year	Number of foreign Tourists
2003	2,50,716
2004	3,64,997
2005	5,93,637

(b) There is no provision in the Ancient Monuments, Archaeological Sites and Remains Act, 1958 and Rules,1959, for notifying heritage cities

(c) to (e) : Questions do not arise.