

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
LOK SABHA**

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DEVELOPMENT OF TAJ MAHAL
Babbar Shri Raj

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is vast scope to develop Taj Mahal from tourism point of view;
- (b) if so, the number of foreign and domestic tourists visited the site during the last three years;
- (c) whether the Government has formulated any scheme to attract more foreign and domestic tourists to visit such historical place; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)(SMT. RENUKA CHOWDHURY)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): The number of foreign and domestic tourists visited Taj Mahal during the last three years is as under:-

Year	Indian	Foreigner
2001	19,77,485	2,49,267
2002	15,90,304	1,71,035
2003	16,03,942	2,50,716

(c) and (d): The Department of Tourism, Government of India, promotes destinations including such historical places in the country through Indiatourism Offices in India and abroad as well as by launching centralized media campaign in potential tourism market abroad.