

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
LOK SABHA**

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IMPACT OF TERRORISM ON TOURISM
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the number of foreign tourist coming to India has decreased due to recent bomb explosions at Malegaon, Mumbai ;
- (b) If so, the details thereof; and
- (c) The percentage decrease in the number of tourist during the last six months, especially after the explosions ?

Answer

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

(a) : No, Sir.

(b) : Does not arise.

(c) : The foreign tourist arrivals to India during January to October 2006 are estimated at 34.10 lakh, up from 30.15 lakh during the corresponding period of the previous year, showing a growth of 13.1%. During the last six months, i.e. May-Oct 2006, the foreign tourist arrivals are estimated at 18.58 lakh, up from 16.59 lakh during the corresponding period of the previous year, showing a growth of 12.0%. Month-wise estimated foreign tourist arrivals to India for the period January-October 2006 are given in the following table :

Table: Foreign Tourist Arrivals to India (in lakh)

Month	2005	2006	% change over previous year
January	3.86	4.44	(+)15.1
February	3.70	4.07	(+)10.1
March	3.52	3.91	(+)11.0
April	2.48	3.10	(+)24.7
May	2.25	2.59	(+)14.7
June	2.47	2.73	(+)10.6
July	3.08	3.49	(+)13.3
August	2.74	3.03	(+)10.5
September	2.57	2.81	(+) 9.3
October	3.48	3.94	(+)13.3
Total (Jan-Oct)	30.15	34.10	(+)13.1