

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
LOK SABHA**

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PROMOTION OF SKIING TOURISM
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether foreign tourists visit India for skiing;
- (b) if so, the number of such tourists during the last three years, year-wise; and
- (c) the details of skiing facilities available in India at present and the efforts being made to improve and enhance them?

Answer

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

(a) and (b): In the present system of compilation of tourism statistics, separate figures for foreign tourists visiting India for skiing purpose are not maintained.

(c): Some of the popular skiing destinations in India are:-

Himachal Pradesh - Manali, Kufri, Narkanda,
Shoja, Triund
Uttarakhand - Auli, Dayara Bugyal,
Mundali, Munsiyari
Jammu & Kashmir - Gulmarg

Improvement of tourism facilities, including those for skiing, is primarily the responsibility of the respective State/ UT Governments. However, the Ministry of Tourism extends Central Financial Assistance to State/ UT Governments for tourism related projects under the schemes of 'Product/ Infrastructure Development for Destinations & Circuits' and 'Assistance for Large Revenue Generating Projects'.