

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
LOK SABHA**

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TOURISM IN N.E.
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any proposal for North Eastern States to have their own website to promote tourism;
- (b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto; and
- (c) the major tourist attractions of each State indicating the number of foreign and domestic tourists who visited during 2002, 2003 and 2004?

Answer

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

(a) and (b): All States of North East except Manipur have set up their own websites. Ministry of Tourism, Government of India provides financial assistance to the North Eastern Region including Sikkim for computerization including launching of the websites, with a view to enable online access to the tourists about information on the tourist attractions of North Eastern States.

Ministry of Tourism, Government of India has also launched a website www.incredibleindia.org which provides comprehensive information about tourist attractions in the country including the NE States.

(c) : Details of some of the important tourist attractions and the tourist arrival figures for the year 2002-2003 are as under:-

Name of State	Important Tourist Attractions	Tourist Arrivals			
		2002	2003	Foreign	Domestic
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Arunachal Pradesh	Bomdila, Tawang Gompa (religious)	123	187	4372	2195
Assam	Kaziranga National Park, Sibsagar	6409	1953915	6610	2156675
Manipur	War Cemetery, Loktak lake	221	89633	257	92923
Mizoram	Aizwal, Champhai	259	29417	279	35129
Meghalaya	Shillong, Umian Lake	3146	268609	6304	371953
Nagaland	War Cemetery, Aradura Hills (religious)	657	14263	743	5605
Sikkim	Gangtok, Monastery (religious)	8566	159342	11966	179661
Tripura	Rock Cuts at Una- Koti and Pilak,				
	Fourteen Goddess Temple (religious)	2602	260586	3196	257331

Figures for the year 2004 are not available.