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|   | New BG-II Palace on wheels (under Large Revenue Generating scheme) | 750.00 | 750.00 |
|   | Conservation and Restoration Muchkund Dholpur                      | 444.21 | 352.00 |
|   | Integrated Development of Udaipur                                  | 241.37 | 193.07 |

#### **Global and domestic tourism**

2212. SHRI RAHUL BAJAJ:  
SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) the share of global and domestic tourism in our tourism industry; and
- (b) the steps which are being taken to promote domestic tourism?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (KUMARI SELJA): (a) and (b) The number of foreign tourist arrivals and domestic tourist visits in India during 2008 are estimated at 5.37 million and 563 million respectively.

The Ministry of Tourism plays a crucial role in coordinating and supplementing the efforts of State/UT Governments in tourism promotion, catalyzing private sector investments, strengthening promotional and marketing efforts in domestic and overseas markets, and in providing trained manpower resources for the tourism sector.

The Marketing Development Assistance (MDA) Scheme of the Ministry of Tourism has been recently expanded so as to provide financial assistance to service providers for the promotion of Domestic Tourism in the country.

#### **Decline in foreign tourists**

2213. SHRI A. ELAVARASAN: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that during the last and current year, there has been a sharp decline in the number of foreign tourists coming to visit heritage centres in the country due to global recession;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and whether Government proposes to implement special package to woo foreign visitors; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (KUMARI SELJA): (a) to (c) The number of Foreign Tourist Arrivals (FTAs) in India during 2007, 2008 and January-June, 2009 and the growth rates over the corresponding period of previous year are given below:—