

1	2	3
2008*	5.37	5.6%
2009* January-June	2.47	-9.3%

\*Provisional

The number of FTAs in June, 2009 was 0.34 million as compared to 0.28 million in June, 2006. While the number of FTAs during the period January-June, 2009 has observed a decline over the corresponding period of previous year, a positive growth rate of 0.2% in FTAs was observed in June, 2009 over June, 2008.

The decline in FTAs in recent months may be due to various reasons including global financial melt-down and terrorist activities.

(c) Yes, Sir. A "Visit India 2009" Scheme has been launched in April, 2009 by the Ministry of Tourism, in collaboration with all stakeholders including airlines, hotels, tour operators, State Governments for incentivising travel to India during the current year. The incentives being offered by the stakeholders to all tourists from overseas, include complimentary air tickets, hotel rooms, local tours, etc.

#### Tourism projects in Rajasthan

2217. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the number of projects completed/being executed by her Ministry to develop tourist spots in Rajasthan during the last two years and till date during the current year;

(b) whether her Ministry has so far monitored the progress of projects with officials of Rajasthan State Government through site visits and review meetings;

(c) if so, by when, on going projects are likely to be completed; and

(d) the details of new tourism projects likely to be undertaken in the State during current financial year indicating Central financial assistance proposed to be given to Rajasthan during current financial year?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (KUMARI SELJA): (a) The tourism infrastructure projects sanctioned by the Ministry of Tourism in the last two years 2007-08 and 2008-09 are as follows:—

(Rs. in lakh)

Year	Name of the project	Amount sanctioned	Amount released
1	2	3	4
2007-08	Floodlighting of monuments in Rajasthan	800.00	640.00
	Development of Shekhawati	754.46	603.57

1	2	3	4
2008-09	Conservation, Restoration of Parkota and various buildings of Shergarh, Baran	461.44	369.15
	Development of Nahargarh Fort, Jaipur	432.06	345.65
	Development of Hawamahal, Phase-II,	360.66	288.52
	Development of Jantar Mantar, Phase-II	193.90	155.12
	Bala Qila and Kanakwari Fort	480.61	384.48
	Ajmer-Pushkar (as a mega destination)	1,069.68	319.84
	New BG-II Palace on Wheels (under Large Revenue Generation Project scheme)	750.00	750.00
	Conservation and Restoration of Muchkund, Dholpur	444.21	352.00
	Integrated Development of Udaipur	241.37	193.07

No project was sanctioned to State Government of Rajasthan during the current financial year till now.

(b) to (d) Development and promotion of tourism is primarily the responsibility of State Governments/Union Territory Administrations. However, Ministry of Tourism, Government of India extends Central Financial Assistance for tourism projects based on the proposals received from them complete in all respects as per the scheme guidelines, *inter-se* priority and subject to availability of funds.

Implementation of the tourism projects is done by the State Governments/UTs. However, Ministry of Tourism monitors such projects through meetings with the State Governments/UT administrations and through site visits.

#### Regularisation of colonies

‡2218. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether thousands of people are residing in many unauthorised colonies in Delhi;
- (b) the number of colonies which have not been regularized by Government so far and reasons therefor;
- (c) whether Government has prepared any plan to regularise these colonies;
- (d) if so, the outlines of such plan and the names of the colonies which are planned to be regularized by Government; and
- (e) the details regarding the outlines and time frame of the said plan?

‡Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.