

1	2	3
2008-09		
1.	Development of Burmanghat Narsinghpur	180.67
2.	Destination development of Datia M.P.	475.92
3.	Integrated development of Narsinghgarh Distt Rajgarh	447.78
4.	Development of Nalkheda as a tourist destination	429.20
5.	Development of Dewas as a tourist destination	441.89
6.	Development of Kundeswar Distt Tikamgarh	374.66
7.	Integrated development of Hoshangabad as a destination	284.59
8.	Dest. development of Mandu Ph II as a tourist destination in M.P.	426.84
9.	Destination development of Jata Shankar Dham	361.72
10.	Village Budhni, Distt. Sehore (Rural Tourism Project)	50.00
2009-10		
1.	Destination development of Vidisha	489.00
2.	Development of Maheshwar (Phase-II) as a tourist destination	390.81

Visit India 2009

‡2216. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of foreign tourists in India has declined, if so, the details of the inflow of foreign tourists from June, 2006 to 2009;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor alongwith the measures taken in this regard; and

(c) whether Government has launched Visit India, 2009, the nature of the scheme indicating the places benefited by the scheme alongwith the time when the same was launched?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (KUMARI SELJA): (a) and (b) The number of Foreign Tourist Arrivals (FTAs) in India during 2006, 2007, 2008 and January-June, 2009 and the growth rates over the corresponding period of previous year are given below:—

Period	FTAs (in Million)	Growth over previous year
1	2	3
2006	4.45	13.5%
2007	5.08	14.3%

‡Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

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