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16.	Jharkhand	10	1,155.47
17.	Kerala	29	8,692.70
18.	Karnataka	22	10,520.10
19.	Lakshadweep	1	782.73
20.	Maharashtra	11	5,890.29
21.	Manipur	25	7,344.17
22.	Meghalaya	15	3,386.32
23.	Mizoram	16	4,417.25
24.	Madhya Pradesh	37	11,991.65
25.	Nagaland	47	7,260.74
26.	Orissa	29	9,717.77
27.	Puducherry	13	2,421.66
28.	Punjab	7	3,313.94
29.	Rajasthan	19	8,565.41
30.	Sikkim	67	16,075.83
31.	Tamil Nadu	37	8,005.82
32.	Tripura	30	3,539.00
33.	Uttar Pradesh	17	7,511.72
34.	Uttarakhand	8	6,604.07
35.	West Bengal	28	9,398.06
GRAND TOTAL :		761	218,356.64

Tourists at heritage sites

4583. SHRI K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the earnings from the heritage sites in the country have fallen during 2009;
- (b) if so, the details of earnings during the last three years at the major sites in the country;
- (c) to what extent the Indian and foreign tourists had reduced during the year; and
- (d) the steps taken to improve the tourist attractions at the major heritage sites in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI SULTAN AHMED): (a) and (b) The revenue collected through entry fee at 16 World Heritage monuments/sites in the country during the last three years is as under:—

Year	Revenue (Rupees in lakh)
2007	6470.52
2008	6684.09
2009	5790.54

There was a decline of Rs. 893.55 lakh in revenue in 2009 over 2008.

(c) The decline in tourist inflow at World Heritage ticketed monuments/sites during the year 2009 *vis-a-vis* 2008 is given below:—

	Indian *	Foreigner
Number of tourists in 2008	15062661	2071129
Number of tourists in 2009	14284373	1742076
Decline in 2009 over 2008	778288	329053

*Includes foreigners from SAARC and BIMSTEC countries since they are charged fee as applicable to Indians.

(d) The Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) conserves, preserves and maintains the centrally protected monuments/sites by way of structural repairs, as per archaeological norms, subject to availability of resources. All efforts are made to provide various amenities like drinking water, signages, toilets blocks, pathways, etc. to the tourists at the World Heritage, ticketed and other important monuments.

Keeping in view the Commonwealth Games being held in October, 2010 in Delhi, 46 monuments/sites have been identified by ASI for upgradation to attract more tourists.

Reduction in tourists

4584. SHRI K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of tourists both Indian and foreign had reduced during 2009;

(b) if so, the details of the tourists;

(c) the estimated earnings from foreign tourists; and

(d) the steps taken and proposed to be taken to improve the tourist infrastructure keeping in view the coming Commonwealth Games?