

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
30	Sikkim	329075	17498	460564	19154	547810	17730
31.	Tamil Nadu	70254972	1753103	98285121	2029410	115755800	2369050
32.	Tripura	244795	3181	245438	3577	317541	4246
33.	Uttar Pradesh	116244008	1524451	124843242	1610089	134831852	1532573
34.	Uttarakhand	19803280	95976	20546323	99910	21934567	106470
35.	West Bengal	18580669	1154770	19314440	1133671	20528534	1180418
TOTAL		526564364	13267273	562982298	14112590	650038673	13717522

*Estimated using all-India growth rate

**Estimated using tourist visits figures of sample hotels furnished by Delhi Government.

Tourism infrastructure in States

2584. SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is satisfied with the growth of tourism and the availability of tourism infrastructure in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government proposes to boost tourism infrastructure across the country with the help of State Governments; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI SULTAN AHMED): (a) and (b) The number of domestic tourist visits in the country increased from 563 million in 2008 to 650 million in 2009 registering a growth of 15.5%. Although the number of Foreign Tourist Arrivals (FTAs) in India during 2009 observed a decline of 3.3% as compared to 2008, the number of FTAs during January-October, 2010 observed a growth of 9.9% as compared to corresponding period of 2009.

(c) and (d) Development, promotion and monitoring of tourism projects is primarily undertaken by the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations. Ministry of Tourism (MOT), however, provides financial assistance for tourism projects based on proposals received from them, subject to availability of funds and *inter-se* priority. During Eleventh Five Year Plan (till 30th September, 2010), an amount of Rs. 2758.99 crore for 875 tourism projects has been sanctioned by MOT to various States/Union Territories.