

The Foreign Exchange Earnings (FEE) from tourism in India, during the last five years, and their growth over the previous year are as follows:

Year	FEE (Rs. in crore)	Growth over previous year
2006	39,025	17.8%
2007	44,360	13.7%
2008	51,294	15.6%
2009 @	54,960	7.1%
2010 @	64,889	18.1%

@ Advance.

(b) Creation of world class infrastructure in the country is one of the objectives mentioned in the National Tourism Policy, 2002. Development of tourism infrastructure is primarily the responsibility of the concerned State Governments/ Union Territory (UT) Administrations. Ministry of Tourism, however, provides financial assistance to States/UTs on the basis of project proposals received from them in accordance with scheme guidelines subject to availability of funds and *inter-se* priority.

(c) The number of FTAs in India, during 2010, for various purposes including rural and health tourism was 5.58 million.

(d) The number of Domestic Tourist Visits (DTVs) and Foreign Tourist Visits (FTVs) to Jharkhand during 2008, 2009 and 2010 are as follows:

Year	DTVs	FTVs
2008	60,30,028	5,803
2009	76,10,160	13,872 @ (*)
2010	68,85,273	15,695 (*)

@: Revised.

(*): Estimated.

Light and sound programme at Udaigiri caves

4000. SHRI PYARIMOHAN MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that the proposal for light and sound programme at Udaigiri caves in Orissa for development of Buddhist tourism has been under consideration for sometime;

(b) whether there is a proposal from ITDC in this regard and if so, when it is likely to be sanctioned; and

(c) when the Ministry is going to implement the sound and light shows at Dhauli and Konark?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI SULTAN AHMED): (a) and (b) Government of India has sanctioned Rs.125.00 lakh to India Tourism Development Corporation Ltd. (ITDC) to organize sound & light show programme at Udaigiri, Orissa. ITDC implemented the project and the trial run was held in April, 2008. However, due to conservation issues raised by Archaeological Survey of India (ASI), the show was not commissioned. ITDC has however, submitted a concept paper for an alternative sound & light show at Udaigiri.

(c) Development and promotion of tourism is undertaken primarily by the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations. The Ministry of Tourism extends Central Financial Assistance to the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations for tourism related projects, which are identified in consultation with them, under various tourism schemes of the Ministry, in accordance with the scheme guidelines, *inter-se* priority and availability of funds. Sound and light shows at Dhauli and Konark have not been prioritized by the State Government of Orissa.

Identification of STs in country

4001. SHRI N. BALAGANGA: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are anomalies in identification of STs in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there are representations from State Governments for including some communities in the list of STs;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken by Government to remove such anomalies?