

International Tourist Arrivals (in million)

Year	2008	2009	2010
India*	5.3	5.2	5.8
Singapore	7.8	7.5	9.2

* Figures for India are for Foreign Tourist Arrivals only.

(c) The current Tourism Policy of the Government was formulated in 2002 after detailed interaction with the industry associations, concerned Ministries & Departments of Central Government, State Governments and other stakeholders.

(d) and (e) The Foreign Exchange Earning (FEE), from Tourism during 2008, 2009 and 2010, were US\$ 11.83 billion, US\$ 11.39 billion and US\$ 14.19 billion respectively.

Amount spent by Ministry of Tourism for undertaking various activities for promotion of tourism, including the grants to the States/Union Territories (UTs), during 2008-09, 2009-10 and 2010-11 were Rs.980.47 Crore, Rs.934.48 Crore and Rs.997.13 Crore respectively.

Committee to promote tourism

†1217. SHRI KAPTAN SINGH SOLANKI : Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Ministry of Culture has been kept away from the Committee constituted by Government to promote tourism; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI SULTAN AHMED) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. An Inter-Ministerial Coordination Committee has been constituted under the Chairmanship of the Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister to facilitate resolution of inter-Ministerial issues involved in the development of tourism in the country as well as issues raised by industry association. Various members of this Committee are: Member Secretary, Planning Commission; Chairman, Railways Board; Home Secretary; Defence Secretary; Foreign Secretary; Secretaries of the Ministries of Civil Aviation, Road Transport & Highways, Urban Development, Environment & Forests and Secretaries of the Departments of Revenue, Expenditure and School Education & Literacy. Secretary, Ministry of Tourism will be the Member-Convener of this Committee.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.