

**Signages for tourist destinations in Karnataka**

2903. DR. VIJAY MALLYA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of India has received a proposal from Government of Karnataka on adopting carry and forward agent (CFA) for erection of signages on the roads leading to tourist destinations in Karnataka; and

(b) if so, the present status of the proposal?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) and (b) Development and promotion of various tourism destinations and products, including erection of signages on roads, is primarily the responsibility of the respective State Government/Union Territory (UT) Administration. However, the Ministry of Tourism provides Central Financial Assistance (CFA) for tourism projects identified in consultation with them, subject to availability of funds, *inter-se-priority* and adherence to Scheme Guidelines.

No proposal has been prioritized for grant of Central Financial Assistance (CFA) for the erection of signages on the roads leading to tourist destinations in Karnataka during the financial year 2012-13.

**Incidents of harassment of domestic and foreign tourists in local hotels**

2904. SHRI AAYANUR MANJUNATHA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the number of domestic as well as foreign tourists who visited the religious spots in the country during last three years and the current year, State-wise and year-wise;

(b) the number of incidents of harassment of domestic as well as foreign tourists in local hotels which have come into the notice of the Ministry;

(c) the action taken against those held responsible; and

(d) the steps taken/being taken to prevent such untoward incidents in future?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) Ministry of Tourism does not compile data on tourist visits to religious place in various

States/Union Territories (UTs). However, total number of domestic and foreign tourist visits including visits to the religious spots, to different States and UTs during 2009, 2010 and 2011 are given in the Statement (*See* below). This information for current year is not available.

(b) to (d) 'Public Order' and 'Police' are State subjects as per the Seventh Schedule of the Constitution of India. As such, prevention of crime, including crime against domestic and foreign tourists is the primary responsibility of the State Governments/UT Administrations. Ministry of Tourism does not compile data on crimes, including crime against tourists. However, in order to ensure the safety and security of foreign tourists, Ministry of Tourism has advised all the State Governments/UT Administrations to deploy Tourist Police in the States/UTs. Some of the State Governments have deployed tourist police in one form or the other.

In addition, the Ministry of Tourism along with stakeholders has adopted the Code of conduct for "Safe and Honourable Tourism" which is a set of guidelines to encourage tourism activities to be undertaken with respect for basic rights like dignity, safety and freedom for exploitation of both tourists and local residents in particular women and children.

#### ***Statement***

##### *Domestic and Foreign Tourist Visits to States/UTs during 2009-2011 (Figures in lakhs)*

| Sl. No. | State/ UT                   | 2009     |         | 2010     |         | 2011 (Provisional) |         |
|---------|-----------------------------|----------|---------|----------|---------|--------------------|---------|
|         |                             | Domestic | Foreign | Domestic | Foreign | Domestic           | Foreign |
| 1       | 2                           | 3        | 4       | 5        | 6       | 7                  | 8       |
| 1       | Andaman and Nicobar Islands | 1.42     | 0.14    | 1.81     | 0.15    | 2.02               | 0.16    |
| 2       | Andhra Pradesh              | 1574.90  | 7.95    | 1557.90  | 3.23    | 1531.20            | 2.65    |
| 3       | Arunachal Pradesh           | 1.95     | 0.04    | 2.28     | 0.03    | 2.33               | 0.05    |
| 4       | Assam                       | 38.51    | 0.15    | 40.51    | 0.15    | 43.39              | 0.16    |
| 5       | Bihar                       | 157.85   | 4.23    | 184.92   | 6.36    | 183.97             | 9.72    |

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|----|---------------------------|--------|-------|--------|-------|---------|-------|
| 6  | Chandigarh                | 9.15   | 0.38  | 9.05   | 0.39  | 9.10    | 0.37  |
| 7  | Chhattisgarh*             | 5.12   | 0.01  | 5.66   | 0.02  | 6.44    | 0.02  |
| 8  | Dadra and Nagar<br>Haveli | 5.07   | 0.07  | 4.96   | 0.02  | 4.22    | 0.01  |
| 9  | Daman and Diu             | 5.63   | 0.06  | 7.74   | 0.05  | 8.33    | 0.04  |
| 10 | Delhi *#                  | 88.34  | 19.58 | 135.58 | 18.94 | 154.29  | 21.60 |
| 11 | Goa                       | 21.27  | 3.77  | 22.02  | 4.41  | 22.25   | 4.46  |
| 12 | Gujarat                   | 159.10 | 1.03  | 188.61 | 1.31  | 210.17  | 1.66  |
| 13 | Haryana                   | 64.08  | 1.37  | 69.15  | 1.06  | 59.88   | 1.30  |
| 14 | Himachal Pradesh          | 110.37 | 4.01  | 128.12 | 4.54  | 146.05  | 4.85  |
| 15 | Jammu and Kashmir         | 92.35  | 0.54  | 99.73  | 0.48  | 130.72  | 0.72  |
| 16 | Jharkhand                 | 76.10  | 0.14  | 68.85  | 0.16  | 107.96  | 0.72  |
| 17 | Karnataka                 | 327.02 | 3.27  | 382.02 | 3.81  | 841.07  | 5.74  |
| 18 | Kerala                    | 77.89  | 5.49  | 85.95  | 6.59  | • 93.81 | 7.33  |
| 19 | Lakshadweep               | 0.07   | 0.04  | 0.08   | 0.02  | 0.09    | 0.01  |
| 20 | Madhya Pradesh            | 231.06 | 2.01  | 380.80 | 2.50  | 441.20  | 2.70  |
| 21 | Maharashtra               | 306.28 | 24.26 | 484.65 | 50.83 | 553.33  | 48.15 |
| 22 | Manipur                   | 1.24   | neg.  | 1.14   | neg.  | 1.35    | 0.01  |
| 23 | Meghalaya                 | 5.91   | 0.05  | 6.53   | 0.04  | 6.68    | 0.05  |
| 24 | Mizoram                   | 0.57   | 0.01  | 0.57   | 0.01  | 0.62    | 0.01  |
| 25 | Nagaland                  | 0.21   | 0.01  | 0.21   | 0.01  | 0.25    | 0.02  |
| 26 | Odisha                    | 68.92  | 0.46  | 75.92  | 0.50  | 82.71   | 0.61  |
| 27 | Puducherry                | 8.51   | 0.54  | 8.36   | 0.51  | 8.98    | 0.52  |

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|-------|---------------|---------|--------|---------|--------|---------|--------|
| 28    | Punjab        | 53.70   | 1.10   | 105.84  | 1.37   | 164.17  | 1.51   |
| 29    | Rajasthan     | 255.59  | 10.73  | 255.44  | 12.79  | 271.37  | 13.52  |
| 30    | Sikkim        | 6.16    | 0.18   | 7.00    | 0.21   | 5.52    | 0.24   |
| 31    | Tamil Nadu    | 1157.56 | 23.69  | 1191.88 | 28.05  | 1375.13 | 33.74  |
| 32    | Tripura       | 3.18    | 0.04   | 3.42    | 0.05   | 3.60    | 0.06   |
| 33    | Uttar Pradesh | 1348.32 | 15.50  | 1447.55 | 17.33  | 1554.30 | 18.87  |
| 34    | Uttarakhand   | 219.35  | 1.06   | 302.06  | 1.27   | 259.46  | 1.25   |
| 35    | West Bengal   | 205.29  | 11.80  | 210.72  | 11.92  | 222.57  | 12.13  |
| TOTAL |               | 6688.00 | 143.72 | 7477.03 | 179.10 | 8508.57 | 194.95 |

\* Estimated using all-India growth rate.

\* # DTVs estimated using all-India growth rate, Figure of advance estimates of Foreign Tourist Arrivals at Delhi Airport adopted for FTVs.

neg.: negligible.

Note: Totals may not tally due to rounding off.

### **Tourist infrastructure in Bagalkot of Karnataka**

2905. DR. VIJAY MALLYA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of India has received a proposal to Develop Tourism Infrastructure at the World Heritage Site Pattadakal and Badami/Aihole in Bagalkot District of Karnataka;

(b) if so, the present status of the proposal; and

(c) the time-frame fixed to complete this project?

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