

While taking cognizance of the recommendation of 14th Finance Commission regarding higher devolution of 42% to States from Union's Taxes and Duties during its award period 2015-2020, the Ministry of Finance has delinked the PIDDC scheme for States from Union support. During the year 2015-16, no funds have been allocated for States including Gujarat under the existing PIDDC scheme.

The Ministry of Tourism has launched two new plan schemes "Swadesh Darshan" in 2014-15 for Integrated Development of Circuits around specific themes and "PRASAD" for National Mission on Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual Augmentation Drive. Under Swadesh Darshan Scheme 13 circuits have been identified *viz.* Coastal, Buddhist, North East India, Himalayan, Krishna, Desert, Spiritual, Ramayana, Tribal, Eco Tourism, Wild Life, Rural and Heritage circuit. Under "PRASAD" Scheme 13 cities have been identified. "Dwarka" in Gujarat is identified under this Scheme. The State Governments can forward viable projects under these Schemes.

(c) Ministry of Tourism does not compile State/Union Territory - wise Foreign Exchange Earnings (FEEs) through tourism. However, the provisional FEEs through tourism for the country as whole during 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015 were ₹ 77,591 crore, ₹ 94,487 crore, ₹ 1,07,671 crore, ₹ 1,23,320 crore, and ₹ 1,35,193 crore, respectively.

Foreign tourist arrivals in the country

779. DR. BHALCHANDRA MUNGEKAR: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise details of foreign tourists who visited the country during the years 2012-13, 2013-14 and 2014-15;

(b) the total earnings of tourism sector during these years; and

(c) what was the share of earnings from foreign tourists during these years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (DR. MAHESH SHARMA): (a) The State/Union Territory - wise number of Foreign Tourist Visits (FTVs) during 2012, 2013 and 2014 is given in Statement (*See* below). This information is not available for the year 2015.

(b) and (c) Ministry of Tourism compiles the data of foreign exchange earned through foreign tourists. The Ministry does not compile the data of earnings through domestic tourists. The Foreign Exchange Earnings (provisional) through tourism in India during 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015 were ₹ 94,487 crore, ₹ 1,07,671 crore, ₹ 1,23,320 crore, and ₹ 1,35,193 crore, respectively.

Statement

*The State/UT-wise number of Foreign Tourist Visits (FTVs) during
2012, 2013 and 2014 are as below:*

Sl. No.	States/UTs	2012	2013	2014
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	17538	14742	17235
2.	Andhra Pradesh	292822	69552	66333
3.	Arunachal Pradesh	5135	10846	5204
4.	Assam	17543	17638	21537
5.	Bihar	1096933	765835	829508
6.	Chandigarh	34130	40124	28365
7.	Chhattisgarh	4172	3886	7777
8.	Dadra and Nagar Haveli	1234	1582	1799
9.	Daman and Diu	4607	4814	4620
10.	Delhi	2345980	2301395	2319046
11.	Goa	450530	492322	513592
12.	Gujarat	174150	198773	235524
13.	Haryana	233002	228200	547367
14.	Himachal Pradesh	500284	414249	389699
15.	Jammu and Kashmir	78802	60845	86477
16.	Jharkhand	31909	45995	154731
17.	Karnataka	595359	636378	561870
18.	Kerala	793696	858143	923366
19.	Lakshadweep	580	371	514
20.	Madhya Pradesh	275930	280333	316195
21.	Maharashtra	2651889	4156343	4389098
22.	Manipur	749	1908	2769
23.	Meghalaya	5313	6773	8664
24.	Mizoram	744	800	836

1	2	3	4	5
25.	Nagaland	2489	3304	3679
26.	Odisha	64719	66675	71426
27.	Puducherry	52931	42624	83291
28.	Punjab	143805	204074	255449
29.	Rajasthan	1451370	1437162	1525574
30.	Sikkim	26489	31698	49175
31.	Tamil Nadu	3561740	3990490	4657630
32.	Tripura	7840	11853	26688
33.	Telangana	NA	153966	75171
34.	Uttar Pradesh	1994495	2054420	2909735
35.	Uttarakhand	124555	97683	101966
36.	West Bengal	1219610	1245230	1375740
TOTAL		18263074	19951026	22567650

NA: Not Applicable

Funds allocated to UP and Bihar for development of tourism

780. SHRI DARSHAN SINGH YADAV:

SHRI K. C. TYAGI:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise details of funds released by Government for the Tourism Departments of States during the last two years; and

(b) the funds allocated for Uttar Pradesh and Bihar for the development of tourism during the said period along with the details of total amount yet to be released to these States during the current financial year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (DR. MAHESH SHARMA): (a) and (b) The State-wise details of number of projects, amount sanctioned and amount released by Ministry of Tourism (MoT) under various plan schemes, including the States of Bihar and UP during the last three years are given in Statement (*See below*).