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		of Eco Tourism Circuit in Mahaboobnagar district, under SwadeshDarshan Scheme.	9162.10	1832.42
3.	Uttarakhand	Integrated Development of Eco-Tourism, Adventure Sports, Associated Tourism related Infrastructure for Development of Tehri Lake & Surroundings as New Destination-District Tehri.	8037.34	1607.46

India's position in international tourist arrivals

383. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T.: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons that inspite of having rich cultural heritage, favourable climate and being less expensive, we are unable to attract foreign tourists like other top 19 tourist destinations of the world;

(b) reasons that we could climb only from 47th position in international tourist arrivals in 1995 to just 41st position in 2013;

(c) whether it is a fact that even increase in percentage of medical tourism is not what it ought to have been and reasons therefor; and

(d) how the incidents of attacks on foreign nationals, molestation of women, rapes, etc. are contributing to be discouraging for tourist arrivals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (DR. MAHESH SHARMA): (a) to (c) Some of the factors responsible for International Tourist Arrivals in any country, including India, are economic conditions of the source and destination countries, air connectivity, availability of reasonably priced hotel accommodation, good tourism infrastructure, etc.

Foreign Tourist Arrivals (FTAs) have shown a consistent growth and the year wise FTAs in India & percentage of tourists coming for medical purposes, during 2009-2013 is given as under:

Year	FTAs (in number)	% Share of tourist coming for medical purposes
2009	5167699	2.2
2010	5775692	2.7
2011	6309222	2.2
2012	6577745	2.6
2013	6967601	3.4

India has registered positive growth in Foreign Tourist Arrivals during the past 5 years. The year 2015 witnessed a growth rate of 4.5% in terms of FTAs in India. During 2015, FTAs were 8.03 million as compared to 7.68 million in 2014.

FTAs during the period January - May, 2016 were 36.36 lakh with a growth of 9.1% as compared to 33.32 lakh in January- May, 2015 with a growth of 4.0% over the same period in 2014. Therefore, such incidents have not directly impacted FTAs into the country.

Tourism celebrations at airports in A.P. and Telangana

384. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has organized any tourism celebrations at the airports in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the response received so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (DR. MAHESH SHARMA): (a) and (b) No, Sir. Do not arise.

Proposal from AP for development and promotion of tourism

385. SHRI C.M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the details of proposals received in the Ministry from Andhra Pradesh for Central Financial Assistance for development and promotion of tourism in Andhra Pradesh during the last five years, year-wise;

(b) the status of each of the above projects;