

**Decline in number of foreign tourists**

†944. SHRI NARESH AGRAWAL: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a sharp decline has been noticed in the number of foreign tourists coming to India;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) if not, the year-wise details of foreign tourists coming to India in the last three years; and

(d) the name of country from which maximum number of tourists came to India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (DR. MAHESH SHARMA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The total number of Foreign Tourist Arrivals (FTAs) in India during 2013, 2014 and 2015 were 6.97 million, 7.68 million and 8.03 million, respectively, registering a continuous increase year over year.

(d) The United States of America (USA) was the top source market in terms of FTAs in India. The number of FTAs from USA during 2013, 2014 and 2015 were 1.09 million, 1.12 million and 1.21 million, respectively.

**Eco-tourism project at Alisagar in Telangana**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that development of eco-tourism project at Alisagar in Nizamabad district of Telangana has been taken up;

(b) if so, the estimated cost of the project and the amount spent on it so far; and

(c) by when it is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (DR. MAHESH SHARMA): (a) to (c) Yes, the Ministry of Tourism sanctioned ₹ 383.27 Lakh to the State Government in 2013-14 for Development of Eco-Tourism project at Alisagar in Nizamabad district under the Product Infrastructure for Development of Destinations and Circuits (PIDDC) Scheme.

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