

events such as seminars, conclaves, conventions etc. for the promotion of tourism. The Ministry of Tourism has not provided Central Financial Assistance to Himachal Pradesh for organising fairs and festivals during the last three years.

#### **Employment for women in tourism sector**

1745. PROF. M. V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether measures are being taken up by the Ministry to provide employment opportunities for women in the tourism sector;
- (b) if so, the details of such measures; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (DR. MAHESH SHARMA): (a) to (c) Tourism plays an important role in employment generation and economic growth of the country. The employment potential of the Tourism Sector covers all sections of the society and the Ministry of Tourism has no separate programme for providing employment opportunities exclusively for women in the sector.

#### **Exchange of tourists between India and China**

1746. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) what is the position of exchange of tourists between India and China during last three years;
- (b) what has been done to attract more Chinese tourists to visit India; and
- (c) special attraction for Buddhist tourism from China, if any?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (DR. MAHESH SHARMA): (a) The Foreign Tourist Arrivals (FTAs) from China and the Indian National Departures (INDs) to China for the years 2013, 2014 and 2015 are given below:

Year	FTAs from China (in Thousands)	INDs to China* (in Thousands)
2013	174.7	676.7
2014	181.0	709.9
2015	206.3	730.5

\* Source: [www.travelchinaguide.com](http://www.travelchinaguide.com)