

(b) whether the Central Government has sanctioned the project as a special case; and

(c) what amount will be permissible under the scheme for the project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (DR. MAHESH SHARMA): (a) The Ministry of Tourism has received a letter from the State Government of Gujarat to accommodate Sant Nagari Project under PRASAD Scheme for an amount of ₹ 575 crores.

(b) and (c) The Ministry of Tourism has launched National Mission on Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual Augmentation Drive (PRASAD) Scheme in the year 2014-15 for development and beautification of pilgrimage sites in the country. Under the Scheme the projects are undertaken for development at pre identified sites. The Ministry has so far identified Dwarka and Somnath in the State of Gujarat among 25 sites in the country for development under the Scheme.

Domestic tourist visits in the country

3183. DR. PRABHAKAR KORE: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the domestic tourism sector is growing faster than expected and Domestic Tourist Visits (DTV) witnessed continued growth in the country;

(b) the number of Domestic Tourist Visits (DTV) in the country for the last three years, State-wise;

(c) the steps taken by Government for sustainable tourism development in the country; and

(d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (DR. MAHESH SHARMA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The details of number of Domestic Tourist Visits to different States/Union Territories in India during the years 2013, 2014 and 2015 are given in the Statement (*See below*). Same is not available for the year 2016.

(c) and (d) Ministry of Tourism has evolved comprehensive Sustainable Tourism Criteria for India (STCI) for major segments of the tourism industry, namely Accommodation, Tour operators, Beaches, Backwaters, Lakes and River sectors which are applicable for the entire country. Furthermore, guidelines for approval of Hotel

Projects at the implementation stage and also for Classification/Re-classification of operational hotels under various categories mandate incorporation of various eco-friendly measures like installation of Sewage Treatment Plant, Rain Water Harvesting, Waste Management System, Pollution Control and Introduction of non-Chlorofluorocarbon equipment for refrigeration and air conditioners, energy and water conservation measures.

Statement

Details of number of Domestic Tourist Visits (DTV's) to different States/Union Territories (UTs) in India during the years 2013, 2014 and 2015

Sl. No.	State	2013	2014	2015
1.	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	243,703	285,146	296,684
2.	Andhra Pradesh	98,017,783	93,306,974	121,591,054
3.	Arunachal Pradesh	125,461	335,974	352,067
4.	Assam	4,684,527	4,826,702	5,491,845
5.	Bihar	21,588,306	22,544,377	28,029,118
6.	Chandigarh	936,922	1,061,419	1,073,842
7.	Chhattisgarh	22,801,031	24,488,465	18,327,841
8.	Dadra and Nagar Haveli	481,618	579,638	527,782
9.	Daman and Diu	819,947	795,167	790,911
10.	Delhi	20,215,187	22,626,859	25,258,051
11.	Goa	2,629,151	3,544,634	4,756,422
12.	Gujarat	27,412,517	30,912,043	36,288,463
13.	Haryana	7,128,027	7,467,064	7,395,496
14.	Himachal Pradesh	14,715,586	15,924,701	17,125,045
15.	Jammu and Kashmir	10,891,424	9,438,544	9,145,016
16.	Jharkhand	20,511,160	33,427,144	33,079,530
17.	Karnataka	98,010,140	118,283,220	119,863,942
18.	Kerala	10,857,811	11,695,411	12,465,571
19.	Lakshadweep	4,784	7,315	17,241
20.	Madhya Pradesh	63,110,709	63,614,525	77,975,738
21.	Maharashtra	82,700,556	92,632,097	103,403,934
22.	Manipur	140,673	115,499	146,169

Sl. No.	State	2013	2014	2015
23.	Meghalaya	691,269	716,469	751,165
24.	Mizoram	63,377	68,203	66,605
25.	Nagaland	35,638	58,507	64,616
26.	Odisha	9,800,135	10,790,622	11,786,117
27.	Puducherry	1,000,277	1,188,093	1,297,192
28.	Punjab	21,340,888	24,271,302	25,796,361
29.	Rajasthan	30,298,150	33,076,491	35,187,573
30.	Sikkim	576,749	562,418	705,023
31.	Tamil Nadu	244,232,487	327,555,233	333,459,047
32.	Tripura	359,586	361,247	363,172
33.	Telangana	54,084,367	72,399,113	94,516,316
34.	Uttar Pradesh	226,531,091	182,820,108	204,888,457
35.	Uttarakhand	19,941,128	21,991,315	29,496,938
36.	West Bengal	25,547,300	49,029,590	70,193,450
TOTAL		1,142,529,465	1,282,801,629	1,431,973,794

Source: State/UT Tourism Departments

Problems faced by differently-abled persons at tourist destinations

3184. SHRI SHAMSHER SINGH DULLO: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has conducted any country-wide study to assess the problems faced by differently-abled persons at major tourist destinations;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the steps taken by Government to make important tourist destinations and monuments friendly for differently-abled persons; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (DR. MAHESH SHARMA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Ministry of Tourism conducted a study on "Problems and Prospects of Accessible Tourism in India" in the year 2010.

According to the report, disabled tourists have to face many barriers at the time of booking and during the travel. Some of them are as below: