

Foreign exchange earnings from foreign tourists

*101. SHRI MANISH GUPTA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the year-wise number of foreign tourists who visited India during the past three years;

(b) the year-wise details of foreign exchange earnings, in US dollars, from tourism in India during this period;

(c) the number of tourists and foreign exchange earnings, in US dollars, from tourism for nearby South East Asian countries like Thailand, Malaysia, Singapore and Indonesia during the past three years;

(d) whether India lags behind the above-mentioned countries in tourist inflow and foreign exchange earnings; and

(e) if so, the plans to catch up and match their success?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI K. J. ALPHONS): (a) The number of Foreign Tourist Arrivals (FTAs) in India during 2014, 2015 and 2016 are as follows:

(figures in million)

Year	FTAs
2014	7.7
2015	8.0
2016	8.8

(b) The Foreign Exchange Earnings (FEEs) through tourism in India during 2014, 2015 and 2016 are as follows:

Year	FEEs (in US \$ Billion)
2014	20.236
2015	21.071
2016	22.923

(c) and (d) The number of International Tourist Arrivals of South East Asian countries like Thailand, Malaysia, Singapore, Indonesia and India including Non Resident Nationals during 2014, 2015 and 2016 are provided in the following table:

Year	International Tourist Arrivals (in million)				
	Thailand	Malaysia	Singapore	Indonesia	India
2014	24.8	27.4	11.9	9.4	13.1
2015	29.9	25.7	12.0	10.4	13.3
2016	32.6	26.7	12.9	NA	14.6

NA: Not Available

Source: UNWTO Tourism Highlights, 2017 Edition.

The International Tourism Receipts earned through tourism of South East Asian countries like Thailand, Malaysia, Singapore, Indonesia and India during 2014, 2015 and 2016 are provided in the following table:

Year	International Tourism Receipts (in US \$ Billion)				
	Thailand	Malaysia	Singapore	Indonesia	India
2014	38.4	22.6	19.1	10.3	20.2
2015	44.9	17.6	16.6	10.8	21.1
2016	49.9	18.1	18.4	11.3	22.9

Source: UNWTO Tourism Highlights, 2017 Edition for other countries and Ministry of Tourism for India

(e) Government of India has taken various steps to boost tourism in the country, which *inter-alia* include the following:

- E-Visa facility extended to citizens of 163 countries.
- The Incredible India 2.0 campaign launched with market specific promotional plans and content creation.
- 24x7 Toll Free Multi-Lingual Tourist Helpline 1800111363 launched in 12 International Languages including Hindi and English.
- Providing Central Financial Assistance (CFA) to State Governments/Union Territory Administrations for development and promotion of tourism.
- Identification, diversification, development and promotion of Niche products like Cruise, Adventure, Medical, Wellness, Golf, Polo, Eco, Film and Meeting Incentives Conference and Exhibition (MICE).

Deaths in various jails

†*102. SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of deaths that occurred in various jails during the last three years and out of them the number of unnatural deaths and in how many deaths complaints regarding inhuman behaviour were received from families of deceased prisoners;

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.