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		(Nahargarh Fort)-Alwar (Bala Quila)- Sawai Madhopur (Ranthambore Fort and Khandar Fort)-Jhalawar (Gagron Fort)- Chittorgarh (Chittorgarh Fort) Jaisalmer (Jaisalmer Fort) Hanuman- garh (Kalibangan, Bhatner Fort and Gogamedi)- Jalore (Jalore Fort)- Udaipur (Pratap Gaurav Kendra)- Dholpur (Bagh-i-Nilofar and Purani Chawni)- Nagaur (Meera Bai Temple) in Rajasthan under Swadesh Darshan Scheme	
9.	Telangana (2017-18)	Development of Heritage Circuit: Qutub Shahi Heritage Park- Paigah Tombs- Hayat Bakshi Mosque- Raymond's Tomb in Telangana under Swadesh Darshan Scheme	99.42

Committee to explore further potential of tourism

†2231. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has constituted a committee of experts and officers to explore further potentials of tourism in the States for earning more foreign currency, if so, when was the committee constituted;

(b) if not, whether Government will constitute such a committee which could give suggestions to harness fresh potentials of tourism in States; and

(c) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI K. J. ALPHONS): (a) to (c) Ministry of Tourism has constituted the National Tourism Advisory Council on 27th October, 2016 with a tenure of 3 years from the date of constitution. The Council is an advisory body which acts as a 'Think Tank' of the Ministry and advises the Ministry on various policy matters relating to tourism. Ministries of Government of India, Experts in the field of Travel and Tourism and Travel and Tourism

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Industry Associations are its major members. In addition to the above, Ministry of Tourism also seeks suggestions/inputs and holds consultations/meetings with Central Ministries/States/Stakeholders from time to time for development and promotion of tourism in the country.

Steps taken to attract more tourist arrivals

2232. SHRI NARESH GUJRAL: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the number of tourists who visited India during the last three years;
- (b) the estimate for tourist arrivals during 2018-19; and
- (c) the steps being taken to attract more tourists to the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI K. J. ALPHONS): (a) The number of Foreign Tourist Arrivals (FTAs) in India during 2015, 2016 and 2017 was 8.0 million, 8.8 million and 10.2 million (Provisional) respectively.

(b) As per the latest data available, the number of FTAs during Jan 2018 were 1.1 million (Provisional) registering a growth of 8.4% over Jan 2017. No projections have been made for 2018-19.

(c) 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).