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47.	Denmark	26775	24073	24717	26761	28195
48.	Brazil	19563	20610	21289	24453	26579
49.	Bhutan	16001	19084	20940	25267	26470
50.	Ukraine	29281	23098	26753	25988	26260
51.	Turkmenistan	5547	9805	14302	17653	25038
52.	Ethiopia	13133	14547	20555	23215	24277
53.	United Republic Of Tanzania	26284	25488	23026	22261	23443
54.	Norway	19690	19757	20148	20882	22631
55.	Uzbekistan	12869	18038	21605	23257	21686
56.	Yemen	34207	20901	19383	21695	21674
57.	Finland	18765	18129	18371	20384	21239
58.	Egypt	16715	19168	20864	20528	20486
59.	Mexico	13978	14049	15689	18114	19909
60.	Argentina	9731	9351	12308	14875	16345
61.	Other Countries	304948	304537	319339	339934	350363
TOTAL		7679099	8027133	8804411	10035803	10557976

**Infrastructure development for Beating Retreat ceremony at  
Agartala-Akhaura border with Bangladesh**

1754. SHRI B. LINGAIAH YADAV: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has sanctioned funds to create infrastructure for Beating Retreat ceremony at Agartala-Akhaura border with Bangladesh, similar to that at Wagah in Punjab, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether the funds were sanctioned under the Swadesh Darshan Scheme and if so, the details thereof and the present status of improvement of India's ties with Bangladesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI PRAHALAD SINGH PATEL): (a) and (b) Ministry of Tourism under the Swadesh Darshan Scheme has sanctioned the project -Development of North East Circuit: Agartala - Sipahijala - Melaghar - Udaipur -Amarpur- Tirfhamukh- Mandirghat- Dumboor- Narikel Kunja- Gandachara- Ambassa sanctioned for ₹99.59 crore in the year 2015-16. Under the project funds to the tune of ₹9.26 crore has been allocated for Border Ceremony at Akaura border. The components for development includes Open Air Theatre, Conference Block, wayside amenities, Signage's, solid waste management etc.

As informed by the Ministry of External Affairs India-Bangladesh relations are at a historic high point. The relationship between the two countries have grown in areas of strategic and security partnership, trade, transport and connectivity, power and energy transmission, socio-economic and infrastructure development as well as training and capacity building.

#### **Increase in domestic tourism**

1755. DR. PRABHAKAR KORE: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Domestic Tourist Visits have been growing at an astonishing pace in recent decades, especially religious tourism in the country;

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

(c) the details of steps taken by Government in consultations with the State Governments to improve tourist and religious places to make them tourists friendly?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI PRAHALAD SINGH PATEL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Domestic Tourist Visits (DTV's) have been increasing during recent decades. Details of DTV's during last three years are