

(b) Details of Foreign Tourist Arrivals (FTAs) in the last five years are given below:

Year	FTAs (in Million)
2015	8.03
2016	8.80
2017	10.04
2018	10.56
2019 (Provisional)	10.89

(c) As per information on VISA type, an estimated 1.4 Million FTAs were from the Indian Diaspora during 2018.

Tourism promotion in Tripura and North Eastern States

1433. SHRIMATI JHARNA DAS BAIDYA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the names of projects of tourism sponsored by Government during the years 2018-19 and 2019-20 in the North Eastern States;

(b) whether Government has sanctioned any amount against any project in tourist places in the State of Tripura;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI PRAHALAD SINGH PATEL): (a) to (d) Details of the projects sanctioned by the Ministry of Tourism in the year 2018-19 and 2019-20 in the North Eastern States, including Tripura, is as follows:

- (i) The project "Development of Surma Cherra- Unakoti- Jampui Hills-Gunabati-Bhunaneswari- Matabari- Neermahal- Boxanagar- Chotta khola-Pilak-Avangchaarra" in Tripura sanctioned in 2018-19 under North East Circuit of Swadesh Darshan Scheme at the cost of ₹ 65.00 Crore.
- (ii) The project "Development of West Khasi Hills (Nongkhlaw- Krem Tirot - Khudoi and Kohmang Falls - Khri River- Mawthadraishan, Shillong), Jaintia Hills (Krang Suri Falls- Shymang- Iooksi), Garo Hills (Nokrek Reserve, Katta

Beel, Siju Caves)" in Meghalaya sanctioned in 2018-19 under North East Circuit of Swadesh Darshan Scheme at the cost of ₹84.97 Crore.

- (iii) Development of Pilgrimage facilities in Nagaland sanction in the year 2018-19 at the cost of ₹25.26 crore. An amount of ₹7.53 crore has been release in the year 2019-20.

Dekho Apna Desh scheme

1434. SHRI AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the details of 'Dekho Apna Desh' scheme launched by the Ministry to promote domestic tourism; and

(b) the growth in domestic tourist inflows in the country during the last five years, the details thereof, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI PRAHALAD SINGH PATEL): (a) The Ministry of Tourism has launched 'Dekho Apna Desh' initiative on MyGov platform to promote Domestic Tourism in the country.

The 'Dekho Apna Desh' initiative encourages the citizens to take a pledge to visit at least 15 tourist places by the year 2022 to witness India's amazing diversity and realize the mission of 'Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat'. Ministry of Tourism is providing small souvenirs, framed certificates of the pledge taken, etc. to those registering on the MyGov platform to provide an impetus to the initiative.

(b) The State wise details of the growth in domestic tourist inflows in the country is given in Statement.

Statement

Details of Domestic Tourist Visits during 2014 to 2018

States/UTs	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018 (Revised)
1	2	3	4	5	6
Andaman and Nicobar Islands	285146	296684	384552	471919	498279
Andhra Pradesh	93306974	121591054	153163354	165433898	194767874