

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM AND CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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OPENING OF HOTELS COTTAGES IN ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ISLANDS
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Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of hotels/eco-friendly cottages opened in Andaman and Nicobar Islands to promote tourism industry during each of the last three years, till date;
- (b) the number of islands obtained clearance in this regard; and
- (c) the time by which the tourist sports are likely to be opened?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR)

(a) : The number of hotels/eco-friendly cottages that have opened in Andaman and Nicobar Islands are 2 during the year 1998; 9 during the year 1999; 15 during the year 2000 and 4 upto August 2001.

(b) & (c) : 14 Islands which have revenue land and are not Tribal Reserve Areas can have hotels/eco-friendly cottages. Except Tribal Reserve, all the areas are open for Indian tourists. However, areas which are open for foreign tourists are following:

For day halt - Ross Island, South Cinque Island, Interview Island, Brother Island, Sister Island, Narcondum Island, Barren Island (can be visited on board vessels only).

For night halt - South Andaman Island, Middle Andaman Island, Little Andaman Islands (except tribal reserve), Neil Island, Havelock Island, Baratang Island, North Passage Island, Long Island, Diglipur. Islands in the Mahatma Gandhi Marine National Park (excluding Boat, Hobday, Twin Tarmugli, Malay and Pluto Islands, night halt in the marine national Park with permission only).