

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

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SCHEME TO PROMOTE TOURISM

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Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned `New Scheme to boost tourism` appearing in the `Hindu` dated June 30, 2002;

(b) if so, whether the Union Government propose to formulate new scheme which would be comprehensive in all aspects to give new directions to the tourism sector; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM & CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN)

(a) : Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) : The Department of Tourism, Government of India provides funds to the State Governments/UT Administrations every year for identified projects for development of infrastructure and promotion of tourism in consultation with them. During the 10th Five Year Plan the Department of Tourism proposes to identify six tourism circuits in the country on annual basis and develop the facilities in these circuits to international standards. In addition to that the Department of Tourism proposes to identify tourist destinations in States/UTs in consultation with State Governments and take up integrated development at these places.