

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

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DEVELOPMENT OF TOURISM IN NORTHERN STATES
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Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have formed a joint working group to develop tourism in the Northern States;
- (b) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard;
- (c) whether each of the Northern States has drawn up the tourism calendar and related programmes for the development of tourism in their States; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof; State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN)

- (a): The Department of Tourism has not formed any such joint working group.
- (b): Does not arise.
- (c) and (d): The Department of Tourism extends financial assistance for tourism projects identified in consultation with the State Governments/UT Administrations including Northern States. This is an on-going process and projects are sanctioned on merits subject to availability of funds.