

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM AND CULTURE
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TOURISM DEVELOPMENT NEAR BAY OF BENGAL
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Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any plan has been formulated for development of tourism on the mouths of River Godavari and Krishna near the Bay of Bengal;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government have conducted any studies on the tourism potential in these areas; and
- (d) if so, the major key thrust areas of tourist attractions that can be developed?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN)

(a): Department of Tourism, Govt. of India has not formulated any plan for development of tourism on the mouths of River Godavari and Krishna near the Bay of Bengal. However, Govt. of Andhra Pradesh has reported that they have formulated a plan on this subject.

(b): The Plan of the Govt. of Andhra Pradesh includes the development of Coringa Wildlife sanctuary at the estuary of the Godavari River in East Godavari District and Krishna Wildlife sanctuary at the estuary of Krishna River.

(c) and (d): The Govt. of Andhra Pradesh has reported that the World Tourism Organisation has recommended to develop the above sites as tourist places. They have suggested the development of a wetland Eco-Tourism Resort.