

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:164
ANSWERED ON:03.03.2003
DEVELOPMENT OF TOURISM CIRCUITS
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Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government propose to develop tourism circuits by connecting cultural and tourism hubs in each State as a joint venture with the State Governments;

(a) if so, whether the Union Government propose to include Thiruvananthapuram under the proposed tourism circuit; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN)

(a) to (c) : A Statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PART (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.164 TO BE ANSWERED ON 3.3.2003 REGARDING DEVELOPMENT OF TOURISM CIRCUITS.

(a) to (c) : With a view to providing an elevating image of India's culture and promoting healthy and sustainable tourism, during the Tenth Five Year Plan, the Ministry of Tourism and Culture has drawn up proposals to develop hubs which synthesize the elements of culture, tourism and clean civic life. There would be at least one such hub in every State and Union Territory. Under this plan, both destination and domestic tourism is being promoted. Thiruvananthapuram is included in one of the identified tourism circuits. The other prominent places covered by the circuit are Cochin-Kumarakom- (Backwaters) – Kottayam-Quilon-Trivandrum (Kovalam).