

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

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

- (a) whether a draft proposal on beach tourism which will stretch along the Konkan Coast-Goa through Mangalore has been submitted by the State Government to the Union Government for approval;
- (b) if so, whether this proposal was in response to a request by the Union Government;
- (c) if so, whether the package would integrate with existing eco-tour projects from the Mangalore stretch onwards; and
- (d) if so, the time by which the proposal is likely to be approved and implemented?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN)

(a) to (d): Development and promotion of places of tourist interest/spots is the responsibility of the State Governments/UT Administrations concerned. Department of Tourism, Government of India provides financial assistance for the identified tourism projects in consultation with them.

Department of Tourism, Government of India has decided that during the 10th Five Year Plan it will identify six travel circuits in the country on an annual basis and develop them. These circuits will be finalised and developed in close coordination and partnership with the State/UT Governments and the concerned Government of India Departments. In addition to this it is proposed to identify one major destination in each State/Union Territory for overall development each year.

During the year 2002-2003, the Department of Tourism has identified Goa for Destination Development. The Western Circuit (Konkan Riviera circuit) identified for development of Travel Circuit during 2002-2003 also covers Goa-coastal Karnataka- Bekal. State Governments have been requested to send details project report in this regard.