

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

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

- (a) whether Taj Group has signed any pact with foreign firms to promote eco- tourism;
- (b) if so, whether India and China had also signed any agreement in tourism sector in 2002; and
- (c) if so, the details of Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) that Taj plans for setting up a subsidiary and sub-brand to look into its environmental tourism venture?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN)

- (a): The Taj Group of hotels has informed that they are contemplating looking at Eco- Tourism but the issue is still in the preliminary stage.
- (b): Yes, Sir. A bilateral tourism cooperation agreement between India and China was signed on 14th January 2002.
- (c): Does not arise.