

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

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ECO TOURISM
SHRINWAS DADASAHEB PATIL

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

- (a) the steps taken by the Government to promote eco-tourism in various forest covered areas of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any plan to develop eco-tourism for western ghats has been formulated; and
- (d) if so, the funds proposed for Tenth Plan?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN)

(a) and (b): The Government have announced a National Tourism Policy in the year 2002 wherein a greater emphasis has been laid on promotion of Eco-tourism. The Government have also set up a National Committee on Eco-tourism and Mountains to work out details for managing the fragile Eco-system and to consider projects/programmes for development of Eco-tourism in the country.

(c) and (d): The Union Government has not formulated any specific plan for the development of Eco-tourism in the western ghats.