

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
TOURISM  
LOK SABHA**

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DEVELOPMENT OF ISLANDS  
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**Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government proposes to involve private sector for development of tourism in Andaman and Nicobar Islands;
- (b) if so, the details thereof indicating the area and role of private sector in this regard;
- (c) whether the Government is considering to increase the budgetary allocation;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Government proposes to develop small uninhabited islands in Indian sea as tourist spots; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)(SMT. RENUKA CHOWDHURY)

(a) and (b): Private sector is encouraged to participate in infrastructural development in the tourism sector, which also includes synchronizing developmental aspirations of the Islands with conservation, preservation and security concerns based on the carrying capacity for high value, low volume tourism.

(c) and (d): No specific budget allocation is made for any State Government or Union Territory for development and promotion of tourism. However, project proposals are prioritized for grant of central financial assistance every year in consultation with them.

(e) and (f): Development and promotion of tourism is primarily undertaken by State Governments and UT Administrations themselves. However, the Ministry of Tourism provides funds for the following schemes:

- (1) Product Infrastructure and Destination Development
- (2) Integrated development of Tourism Circuits
- (3) Assistance for Large Revenue Generating Projects