

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

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TOURISM COOPERATION PACTS WITH SOUTH EAST ASIAN COUNTRIES
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Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has signed any tourism cooperation pacts with the South East Asian countries;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government for its implementation?

Answer

THE MINISTER FOR TOURISM AND CULTURE (SMT. AMBIKA SONI)

- (a): India has signed bilateral tourism cooperation Agreements/MoUs with Singapore, Indonesia, Cambodia, Vietnam, Thailand and Philippines in South East Asia.
- (b): These pacts are broad-based agreements, which facilitate promotional activities and serve as instruments for marketing and promoting tourism for the signatories.
- (c): Under the provisions of these agreements Joint Working Group Meetings are held from time to time for preparing a plan of action in identified areas of coop and implementation.