

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

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware that Child Sex Tourism is being encouraged at various tourist centres in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps being taken by the Government to curb it?

Answer

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

(a), (b) & (c) : Law and order is a subject which falls under the purview of the concerned State Government/Union Territory. The Department of Tourism has not received any complaints regarding child sex tourism. However, in order to curb illegal activities and to ensure safety and security, the Department of Tourism has advised all the State Governments/Union Territories to deploy Tourist Police at important tourist centers. The State Governments of Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Goa, Kerala, Maharashtra, Himachal Pradesh, Rajasthan, Jammu and Kashmir, Uttar Pradesh, Delhi, etc. have deployed Tourist Police in one form or another.