

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
LOK SABHA**

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VISIT OF CHINESE DELEGATION TO KOLKATA
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a Chinese delegation visited Kolkata recently;
- (b) if so, whether the delegation agreed to invest in various sectors including tourism in West Bengal;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the extent to which the investment in tourism sector is proposed to be utilised in Darjeeling in West Bengal?

Answer

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

(a), (b), (c) & (d) : As per information received from the Tourism Department, Government of West Bengal, a Chinese Delegation comprising of 51 delegates led by Mr. Shao Qiewei, Vice Governor, Yunnan Province visited Kolkata recently. They participated in a Seminar entitled "India-China Business Conclave" on 6th August, 2004 which was organised by Confederation of Indian Industry (CII). An MOU was signed between CII and China Council for the Promotion of International Trade (CCPIT) with an objective of strengthening trade and economic ties between India and Yunnan, province of China.