

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
LOK SABHA**

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DEVELOPMENT OF TOURISM IN KARNATAKA
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a new policy to ensure faster growth of the tourism sector in Karnataka and give further impetus to public-private partnership in the sector is in the final stages of approval;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the State Government of Karnataka has also notified a policy to encourage development of home stay facilities;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) to what extent this will be helpful to improve the tourism in the State; and
- (f) whether any help has been sought from the Central Government in implementing the same?

Answer

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

- (a) and (b): The Government of Karnataka has prepared a draft Tourism Policy for the period 2007-2012 for the purpose of overall development of tourism in the State.
- (c) to (e): To enhance the accommodation facilities as well as to showcase the local culture and traditions to tourists, the State Government has introduced Home Stay facilities under the scheme of "Athithi".
- (f): No, Sir.