

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
LOK SABHA**

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ECO TOURISM POLICY
Dutt Smt. Priya Sunil

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has formulated the National Eco-Tourism Policy and the guidelines thereon;
- (b) if so, the salient features thereof;
- (c) whether the Union Government has issued any instructions to the State Governments for the implementation of these guidelines; and
- (d) if so, the details in this regard?

Answer

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

(a),(b),(c) & (d): Eco-tourism policy and guidelines have already been laid down and circulated to the State Governments/UT Administrations by the Ministry of Tourism. The objective is to preserve, retain and enrich natural resources and to ensure regulated growth of Eco-tourism with its positive impact on environmental protection and community development