

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
LOK SABHA**

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ADVENTURE TOURISM
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to promote the nature and adventure tourism in India;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government also proposes to use satellite phones and global positioning system (GPS) to ensure that safety standards for tourists in India are at par with the international Standards;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI SULTAN AHMED)

- (a) & (b): Development and Promotion of Tourism including Nature and Adventure Tourism is primarily undertaken by the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations. However, Ministry of Tourism extends Central Financial Assistance (CFA) to the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations for adventure tourism projects/Events on the basis of proposals received from the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations, subject to availability of funds, inter-se priority and adherence to scheme guidelines.
- (c) to (e): The Department of Telecommunications, Ministry of Communications & IT, Government of India issues No Objection Certificate for use of specific type of INMARSAT Satellite Terminals on case to case basis. M/S Tata Communications provide such satellite based INMARSAT services in the country.