

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
TOURISM  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6807  
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DESERT TOURISM  
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**Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Union Government has proposed to open out-of-order areas and also parts of Thar Desert for tourists;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the locations identified for the same purpose; and
- (c) the time by which the above proposal is likely to be implemented?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (c): Yes, Madam. Ministry of Home Affairs in consultation with all concerned agencies has decided in February 2010, to exclude the following areas from the Protected Area Permit (PAP) regime:

I. High Tourism Potential Areas

District Barmer

(1) Kiradu – 35 kms from Barmer

Route:- Barmer – Marudi – Langera – Jasai – Danta – Anta – Hathma

(2) Juna Patrasar (Jain Temples) – 33 Kms.

Route:- Barmer – Marudi Langera – Meethi Beri – Juna Patrasar

District Jaisalmer

(3) Laxmanon – ki-basti & Turkon - ki-basti (sand dunes): 53 kms from Jaisalmer

Route:- Jaisalmer – Amarsagar – Moolsagar – Damodara – Sam - Loonon – ki Basti – Laxmanon ki Basti – Turkon ki Basti

(4) Sudasari – 33 kms from Jaisalmer

Route:- Jaisalmer – Amarsagar – Moolsagar – Damodara – Sam – Ganga – Sudasari

(5) Hadda – Deva – Mohangarh Routes:-

(i) Jaisalmer – Jethvai – Hadda – Deva - Kanod – Mohangarh: distance of 95 Kms.

(ii) Jaisalmer – Jethvai – Hadda – Kanod – Mohangarh (distance of 65 Kms).

II. Power Project areas in District Barmer:

Bhadresh - area 3 Kms, radius around the location (Bhadresh): 31 Kms from Barmer Route:- Barmer – Bothia - Harsani Phanta – Chuli - Bhadresh