

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
LOK SABHA**

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INDUSTRY STATUS TO TOURISM
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government proposes to give Tourism the status of an industry; and
- (b) if so, the details of the steps taken by his Ministry in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (KUMARI SELJA)

(a) & (b): The Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion) have announced packages for the States of Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh and Uttaranchal for certain identified thrust industries, including Eco-Tourism industries set up in these States. Thereafter, the Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion has announced the North East Industrial and Investment Promotion Policy (NEIIPP), 2007 under which capital investment subsidy is available for various Industrial and Service Sector activities including hotels, adventure, leisure sports and ropeways in the North Eastern States including Sikkim.