

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
TOURISM  
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:240  
ANSWERED ON:11.03.2011  
BEACH TOURISM PROJECTS  
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**Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has conducted any study to find the ranking of Indian beaches for tourism purpose;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of proposals received and sanctioned by the Union Government for Central financial assistance for the development of beach tourism; project-wise and State-wise including Kerala and Andaman and Nicobar Islands; and
- (d) the funds sanctioned, released and utilised by the State Governments for the purpose during each of the last three years and the current year?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM(SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHA)

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION No. 240 TO BE ANSWERED ON 11.03.2011 REGARDING BEACH TOURISM PROJECTS.

(a) and (b): Ministry of Tourism has not carried out any study regarding the ranking of Indian Beaches for Tourism purpose.

(c) and (d): Identification and development of Tourist Places including beaches is primarily undertaken by the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations. Ministry of Tourism, however, provides financial assistance to States/UTs on the basis of project proposals received from them in accordance with scheme guidelines subject to availability of funds and inter- se priority. Large Revenue Generating Projects promoted by private sector and public-private-partnership projects are also eligible for financial assistance from the Ministry of Tourism under the "Scheme of Assistance for Large Revenue Generating Projects".

Ministry of Tourism accords due priority to projects proposed by States/UTs for development of beaches during the prioritization meetings held with them.

The number of projects and amount sanctioned to various States/UTs including Kerala and Andaman and Nicobar Islands, for various tourism projects, for the year 2007-08 to 2009-10 and 2010-11 (upto 30th September, 2010) are given in the Annexure.