

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:349

ANSWERED ON:26.08.2011

TOURISM PARKS

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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has assessed the potential of tourism parks in promoting tourism in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has any proposal to set up tourism parks on the pattern of Sentosa Theme Park, Singapore in the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise alongwith the criteria/norms adopted by the Government to set up these parks; and
- (e) the steps taken/being taken by the Government for promotion of tourism parks?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHA)

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

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.349 ANSWERED ON 26.08.2011 REGARDING TOURISM PARKS.

(a) to (c): Ministry of Tourism (MOT) has appointed a National Level Consultant (NLC) to develop a concept paper for establishment of Tourism Parks in the country on the pattern of similar parks in other countries. The criteria/norms to be determined will take into consideration, inter-alia, location of the park, area required, role of Union Government, State Government, Private Sector and local community, etc.

(d): The setting up of Tourism Parks is primarily the responsibility of the State Government/Union Territories (UTs) Administration. The location of the Tourism Parks will be identified in consultation with States/U.Ts. MOT would provide the services of consultants and financial assistance under its Plan Schemes as per the scheme guidelines.

(e): The MOT has been sensitizing the State Governments/UT Administrations and other Stakeholders about Tourism Parks through regional conferences and other fora.