

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
TOURISM  
LOK SABHA**

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SEA COAST TOURIST SPOTS

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

- (a) whether coastal tourist spots are getting enough tourists as per their potential;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the funds allocated and spent for the development of coastal tourist spots during the last three years and the current year, year-wise, State-wise; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to boost the sea coast tourism?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (b): Ministry of Tourism (MOT), does not compile the data on tourists visiting coastal tourist spots. However, the number of Domestic Tourist Visits (DTV) and Foreign Tourist Visits (FTV) to different States and Union Territories (UTs) Administrations including those to coastal tourist spots during 2008, 2009 and 2010 are given in the Annexure-I.

(c) to (d): Development of tourism infrastructure projects including those relating to coastal tourism are primarily the responsibility of the States/UTs. However, MOT provides central financial assistance for the development of tourism infrastructure on the basis of proposals received from States/UTs subject to availability of funds and inter-se priority in accordance with the guidelines. The details of the projects and amount sanctioned to the States/UTs during the 11th Five Year Plan till 31.03.2011 are given in the Annexure II.

Ministry of Tourism accords due priority to projects proposed by States/UTs to boost the sea coast tourism during the prioritization meetings held with them.