

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
TOURISM  
LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether a conference of Western Regional Tourism Ministers was held in the recent past;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the recommendations made therein;
- (c) the action taken by the Government on these recommendations;
- (d) whether the Government has outlined the vision for developing tourism during the Twelfth Five Year Plan; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHA)

(a): A conference of Tourism Ministers of the Western Region was held in Aurangabad, Maharashtra on 20th July, 2011. In this conference States of Chhattisgarh, Goa, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Union Territories of Dadar Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu participated.

(b): Participants States and Union Territories were, inter-alia, of the view that:-

- i. The Archeological Survey of India (ASI) and the Ministry of Environment & Forests should work closely with Ministry of Tourism in promoting various Tourism Projects.
- ii. Haulage charges on luxury trains should be rationalized by the Ministry of Railways.
- iii. Promote tourism in a Safe, Honorable and Sustainable manner.
- iv. Explore possibilities of Public Private Partnership for infrastructure development.
- v. Improve hygiene and cleanliness.
- vi. Implement Solid Waste Management Programmes.
- vii. Broad base Hunar Se Rozgar Scheme.
- viii. Promote Indian Tourism Destinations and products aggressively abroad.

(c): The Ministry has noted these recommendations. Development and promotion of various tourism destinations/products/fairs/festivals /events are primarily the responsibility of the respective State Government/Union Territory (UT) Administration. The Ministry of Tourism, however, provides Central Financial Assistance (CFA) for tourism infrastructure development projects/fairs/festivals/events identified in consultation with them, subject to availability of funds, inter-se-priority and adherence to scheme guidelines.

The Ministry also coordinates various issues of importance for Tourism Development and Promotion with concerned Ministries of Government of India.

(d) to (e): In 12th Five Year Plan, Ministry of Tourism's vision is to position tourism as a major engine of economic growth and employment generation in close collaboration with other Ministries/ Organizations of Government of India, State Governments/Union Territory Administrations and other stakeholders.