## GOVERNMENT OF INDIA ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5286 ANSWERED ON:05.09.2011 ECO-TOURISM POLICY Ray Shri Bishnu Pada

## Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there was any plan allocation of the Forest Department of Andaman and Nicobar Islands from Eighth to Eleventh Plans for promotion of Eco-Tourism;
- (b) if so, year-wise actual physical and financial achievements during the said period;
- (c) the total amount surrendered during the said period; and
- (d) the name of Eco-Tourism places where tourist visited alongwith the total number?

## **Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN)

- (a) As reported by the Forest Department of Andaman and Nicobar Islands, there was no scheme of Eco-Tourism during Eight and Ninth Five Year Plan periods. A scheme, namely 'Ecotourism', was included in the 10th and the 11th Five Year Plans.
- (b) The year-wise actual physical and financial achievements during the said period, as reported by the Union Territory, are at Annexure-I.
- (c) The details of total amount surrendered during the said period, as reported by the Union Territory, are at Annexure-II.
- (d) The name of Eco-Tourism sites and number of visitors are at Annexure-III.