

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
TOURISM  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3980  
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CRUISE TOURISM  
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**Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has received any proposal from the State Government of Andhra Pradesh for developing the state as a regional hub for cruise tourism;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any action has been taken in this regard;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor and by when the proposal is likely to be cleared?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (KUMARI SELJA)

(a) to (e): Development and promotion of Tourism including cruise tourism is primarily undertaken by the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations themselves. The Ministry of Tourism extends Central Financial Assistance (CFA) to the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations for project proposals under the scheme of Product/ Infrastructure Development for Destinations & Circuits, subject to availability of funds and inter-se priority.

No proposal for developing the State as a regional hub for cruise tourism has been received from State Government of Andhra Pradesh.

However, the Ministry of Tourism has sanctioned Rs.8428.24 lakh in the 10th Plan and Rs.12842.06 lakh in the 11th Plan to the State of Andhra Pradesh for development and promotion of tourism.