

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether any world-wide ranking order of beaches in the world has been reported upon and the beaches in the country were top ranked among them;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Union Government has taken/proposes to take steps to develop the beaches of the country including Andaman & Nicobar Islands for Beach Tourism;
- (d) if so, the details thereof, alongwith the beaches so far developed and identified for the purpose, the funds allocated and utilized, State-wise and beach-wise;
- (e) the progress made in completion of already sanctioned projects;and
- (f) the time by which these projects are likely to be completed?

Answer

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

(a) and (b): Ministry of Tourism has not carried out any study regarding the ranking of the beaches.

(c) to (f): Development and promotion of tourism is primarily the responsibility of State Governments/Union Territory Administrations concerned. Ministry of Tourism provides Central Financial Assistance to State Governments/Union Territory Administrations for development of tourist destinations/circuits including Beaches under the Product/Infrastructure Development for Destinations and Circuits Scheme of the Ministry, on the basis of proposals received from them, subject to availability of funds and inter-se priority. The State-wise number of tourism projects sanctioned during first two years of 11th Five Year Plan is annexed.

The implementation of the projects is the responsibility of the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations. However, Ministry of Tourism monitors the implementation of projects through site visits and review meetings.