

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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TOURISM DEVELOPMENT
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to introduce a few new areas for tourism development such as golf tourism, cruise tourism, adventure tourism and medical tourism in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the funds allocated/spent during the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise including Andhra Pradesh;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government for the 12th Five Year Plan?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): National Tourism Policy 2002 mandates identifying, diversifying, developing and promoting the nascent/upcoming niche products of the tourism industry and accordingly, the Ministry of Tourism has identified new areas for tourism development like golf tourism, adventure tourism, medical tourism, wellness tourism, polo tourism, film tourism etc. Development, promotion and implementation of various tourism infrastructure projects including new tourism areas, are primarily the responsibility of the respective State Government/Union Territory (UT) Administrations, that include projects related to Adventure Tourism, Cruise Tourism, Eco Tourism etc. The Ministry of Tourism extends Central Financial Assistance (CFA) for such identified projects; subject to availability of funds, inter-se-priority and adherence to the scheme guidelines. The details of CFA extended to State Governments/UT Administrations including Andhra Pradesh during last three years and the current year (upto 31st December, 2011) is at annexure.

(d): Planning Commission has constituted a Working Group and Steering Committee on Tourism for the 12th Five Year plan to recommend various measures for development of tourism during 12th Plan including Niche Tourism Products.