

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
LOK SABHA**

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RANKING OF INDIAN BEACHES
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has undertaken any study regarding the ranking of Indian Beaches for tourism purpose to increase the large number of foreign tourists towards Indian Beaches;
- (b) if so, the details and the outcome thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor alongwith the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

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

(a) and (b): Ministry of Tourism has not carried out any study regarding the ranking of Indian Beaches for Tourism purpose.

(c): Identification and development of Tourist Places including beaches is primarily undertaken by the State Governments/Union Territory (UT) Administrations. Ministry of Tourism, however, provides financial assistance to States/UTs on the basis of project proposals received from them in accordance with scheme guidelines subject to availability of funds and inter-se priority.

Ministry of Tourism accords due priority to projects proposed by States/UTs for development of beaches during the prioritization meetings held with them.