

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

- (a) whether the adventurous tourism is becoming popular in the country;
- (c) whether unlicensed sports operators are operating high risk dangerous sports activities like para sailing, para gliding, para sliding, sea diving, river rafting etc. without required basic safety instruments which leads to serious accidents;
- (d) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (e) whether the Government proposes to regularise the adventurous tourism in the country; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken/to be taken in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Adventure Tourism is one of the emerging segments of travel in India. The Ministry of Tourism extends Central Financial Assistance to State Governments/Union Territory Administrations for the development of tourism projects including Adventure Tourism, on the basis of proposals received from them subject to adherence of scheme guidelines, availability of funds and inter-se priorities. The Ministry of Tourism has been promoting Adventure Tourism through its domestic and international campaigns.

(c): The Ministry of Tourism in its guidelines for Basic Minimum Standards for Adventure Tourism related activities has identified the following categories of adventure tourism activities, viz. land, water and air based activities which include mountaineering, trekking, river running, hang gliding, para gliding and bungee jumping. Safety-precautionary measures to prevent any untoward incidents are under the purview of concerned State Governments/Union Territory Administrations.

(d) to (f): Ministry of Tourism has issued Guidelines for Approval of Adventure Tour Operators, which is a voluntary scheme, open to all bonafide adventure tour operators. The Ministry of Tourism also extends financial support for capacity building/training programmes in the adventure tourism sector.