

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
TOURISM  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3356  
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COMMITTEE ON TOURISM  
Shivanagouda Shri Shivaramagouda

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

- (a) whether the Government has constituted any Committee on the development of tourism in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Committee has submitted its report to the Government;
- (d) if so, the recommendations made by the Committee and the follow-up action taken by the Government thereon; and
- (e) if not, the time by which it is likely to submit its report?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (e): An Inter-Ministerial Coordination Committee has been constituted under the Chairmanship of the Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister to facilitate resolution of Inter-Ministerial issues involved in the development of tourism in the country as well as issues raised by industry association.

The First Meeting of the Committee was held on 19th January, 2012. Issues discussed in the meeting related to facilitation of issue of visas to foreign tourists, tourist visa on arrivals, broadbasing of hospitality education, etc. The second meeting of the Committee was held on 13.08.2012 to review the follow-up action taken in the first meeting. In addition, some issues raised by States and Industry associations in the hospitality sector were also discussed.