

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
LOK SABHA**

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DEVELOPING TOURIST SPOTS
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Mekedatu and Sangama situated on the bank of river Cauvery in Ramanagara district of Karnataka are popular to tourist spots;
- (b) if so, whether the Government has received any proposal from Karnataka to develop the said tourist spots as popular tourist destinations by providing better infrastructure and safety measures at river front; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the response of the Government thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (SHRI SHRIPAD NAIK)

(a) to (c): The development and promotion of various tourism destinations & products is primarily the responsibility of the respective State Government/Union Territory (UT) Administration. The Ministry of Tourism, however, provides Central Financial Assistance (CFA) to various State Governments & Union Territory Administrations for tourism projects prioritised in consultation with them for each financial year, subject to availability of funds, inter-se-priority and adherence to scheme guidelines.

No proposal for development of Mekedatu and Sangama situated on the bank of river Cauvery in Ramanagara District of Karnataka has been prioritized for grant of CFA during the current financial year i.e. 2014-15.