

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
TOURISM  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1011

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Development of Islands

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

- (a) whether the Government has any plan to develop 700 islands for tourism across the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the time by which these islands are likely to be developed;
- (c) whether the Government has identified these islands; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the estimated cost of the project?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)  
(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

(a) & (b): Promotion and development of tourism including tourism related infrastructure in their respective States/UTs including island is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments/UT Administrations. Ministry of Tourism under its various existing schemes extends Central Financial Assistance for development of tourism infrastructure to the State Governments/UT Administrations, subject to adherence to the scheme guidelines. In addition, under the recently launched Scheme of Swadesh Darshan, a circuit for development of Coastal Tourism has been identified for development of backwaters, mangrove and cruise tourism.

(c) & (d): Under the directions of Ministry of Home Affairs a sub-group of Task Force headed by the Ministry of Tourism comprising representatives from Ministry of Information & Broadcasting; Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change; Ministry of Shipping; Archaeological Survey of India; Coastal India Development Council; Indian Coast Guard and Maritime Board of Government of Gujarat has been constituted to provide inputs for identifying islands for holistic development. The sub group of Task Force will indicate islands with historic places and with tourism potential for holistic development.

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