## Sixteenth Loksabha

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Title: Regarding making Manipur an international tourist destination -laid.

DR. THOKCHOM MEINYA (INNER MANIPUR): Manipur has a lot of Tourism potential - right from ancient monuments and sculptures down to modern tourism including Eco-tourism and Adventure tourism. The Government of Manipur had started a number of festivals to attract tourists both from within the country and abroad. The Sangai National Festival, the other festivals of horticulture products play important role towards the development of tourism in Manipur. Manipur is also the origin of the Sagol Kangei (Modern Polo) and the state is also known as the power house of sports. Our famous Manipuri classical Dance and other folk dances of the ethnic tribes are always mesmerizing. Hence, 1 do urge upon the Union Government and Ministry of Tourism in particular to extend their fullest co-operation for making the state of Manipur an International tourist destination.