

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM AND CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:176
ANSWERED ON:03.03.2003
INCLUSION OF STATES IN SPECIAL TOURISM AREA
RAJO SINGH

Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government propose to include certain States in special tourism area;
- (b) if so, the criteria for including such States;
- (c) whether Bihar and Jharkhand are proposed to be included in special tourism area; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the assistance given to the State Governments for the purpose?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN)

(a) to (d) : A Statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PART (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.+176 TO BE ANSWERED ON 3.3.2003 REGARDING INCLUSION OF STATES IN SPECIAL TOURISM AREA.

(a) The Department of Tourism, Govt. of India has no proposal to include certain States in the Special Tourism Areas. With a view to providing an elevating image of India's culture and promoting healthy and sustainable tourism, including eco-tourism, during the Tenth Five Year Plan, the Ministry of Tourism and Culture has drawn up proposals to develop hubs which synthesise the elements of culture, tourism and clean civic life. There would be atleast one such hub in every State and Union Territory.

(b), (c) & (d) : Does not arise.