

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2876

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CONVERSION OF VICEREGAL LODGE-CUM-RASHTRAPATI NIWAS INTO TOURIST SPOT  
BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB

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

- (a) whether Viceregal Lodge-cum-Rashtrapati Niwas in Shimla is being converted into a tourist spot;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and (
- (c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to further improve the 127 acres of that estate?

**Answer**

MINISTER FOR TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN)

(a), (b) and (c ) In the Viceregal Lodge, a monument of national importance at Shimla, it has been decided to upgrade the existing display into a state of the art museum besides further development of the protected environments. Details will be worked out after the premises has been handed-over to the Archaeological Survey of India by the Indian Institute of Advanced Study by the end of December, 2003 as per orders of the Supreme Court.