

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

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

- (a) whether Beach tourism in Karnataka is expected to get a huge boost with the Union government asking the World Tourism Organisation to conduct a feasibility study on utilizing the West Coast for cruise tourism;
- (b) if so, whether WTO will study the infrastructure and carrying capacity of five ports which have been identified along the West Coast;
- (c) if so, whether any report has been submitted by WTO to the Union Government; and
- (d) if so, the action taken by the Government thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN)

- (a): Department of Tourism, Government of India has not asked World Tourism Organization to conduct a feasibility study on utilizing the West Coast for cruise tourism by the World Tourism Organization. However on request of Department of Tourism World Tourism Organization had deputed two experts in the month of October 2003 to present papers about various aspects of cruise tourism in a seminar held in Mumbai.
- (b) to (d): Does not arise.