

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

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

- (a) whether the Government propose to launch a country-wide programme to promote Eco-tourism;
- (b) if so, by when the programme would be implemented;
- (c) whether any State Government has taken initiative with the assistance of Union Government to implement the programme; and
- (d) if so, the achievements made by the State Governments in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN)

(a), (b), (c) & (d): Department of Tourism, Govt. of India formulated a National Eco- Tourism Policy and circulated to all States and Tourism Trade. Greater emphasis has been laid down on promotion of Eco-Tourism in National Tourism Policy 2002. The Govt. has also set up a National Committee on Eco-Tourism and Mountains to work out details for managing the fragile eco-system and to consider projects/programmes for development of eco-tourism in the country. An amount of Rs.494.35 lakhs has been sanctioned for setting up of Indian Himalayan Centre for Adventure and Eco-Tourism at Chemchey in South Sikkim.