

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

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OPENING UP OF ISLANDS FOR TOURISM
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Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government propose to open up more islands in Andamans for tourism; and
(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): The Standing Committee of Secretaries has recommended development of touristresorts on the following islands, in the first phase with adequate environmental safeguards by giving land on long term lease to private investors through competitive bidding:-

- (1) Havelock Island
- (2) Neil Island
- (3) Long Island
- (4) North Passage Island (Merk Bay)
- (5) South Andaman Island
- (6) Cinque Island
- (7) Ross and Smith Island
- (8) Little Andaman Islands
- (9) Ruthland Island
- (10) Interview Island