

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
LOK SABHA**

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CONFERENCE OF MINISTERS ON TOURISM
Sajjan Kumar Shri

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) Whether any Conference of Ministers of Tourism from Thailand, Myanmar, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh and Bhutan was held in India; and

(b) if so, the details of deliberations held and the decision arrived at the conference?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)(SMT. RENUKA CHOWDHURY)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): BIMSTEC (Bay of Bengal initiative for multi sectoral and technical Cooperation) Round Table and Workshop was organized in February 2005 in Kolkata to which Tourism Ministers, other related Ministers, Senior officials of Tourism and five key tour operators each from Bangladesh, Bhutan, Nepal, Myanmar, Thailand and Sri Lanka were invited. On conclusion of this Round Table, a joint declaration was signed agreeing to a comprehensive Plan of Action to promote BIMSTEC as a composite destination for inbound tourists from within and outside the region.