

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
LOK SABHA**

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INVOLVEMENT OF COMPANIES IN TOURISM SECTOR
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has received any proposal from Star Cruz for its activities in the Tourism Industry;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to increase the involvement of Indian companies in the tourism sector?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SMT. RENUKA CHOWDHURY)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): A letter from M/s Star Cruise was received in the Ministry of Shipping seeking clarifications on the tax and other related laws to be followed by foreign cruise operators who are willing to start Cruise Operations in India. Ministry of Shipping have replied to them.

(c): The following steps have been taken by the Government of India for the involvement of Indian Companies :

i) Capital Subsidy is granted to new approved hotels projects in 1-Star to 3-Star and heritage basic categories in the country except the four metropolitan cities - Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata and Chennai.

ii) For construction of hotels in various star categories Government of India offers various concessions like import of goods under EPCG Scheme, 0% Duty Import Scheme etc.