

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

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

- (a) whether the Government has any plan to establish new tourism zones in various parts of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of the projects for the development of tourism industry pending with the Government; and
- (d) the time by which these are likely to be approved and implemented?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI)

(a) & (b): Identification and Development of tourist spots including those in the tourism zones in the various parts of the country is primarily the responsibility of States/UTs.

(c) & (d): The Ministry of Tourism, every year, prioritises tourism projects in consultation with the States/UTs and thereafter releases Central Financial Assistance subject to inter-se priority of projects, availability of funds and receipt of project proposals complete in all respects from State/UT Governments.