

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

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DEVELOPMENT OF ECO -TOURISM IN A N ISLANDS
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Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is facing any problem in providing tribal land for developing Eco-Tourism and evolving local communities in tourism activities in Andaman and Nicobar Islands;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government in developing Eco-Tourism in the Islands?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SMT. AMBIKA SONI)

(a): No proposal has been received by the Andaman & Nicobar Administration seeking use of tribal land for Eco-tourism.

(b): Does not arise.

(c): In the non-tribal area like Radhanagar, Havelock, which is near the sea, the Directorate of Tourism, Andaman & Nicobar puts up eco-friendly tents during fair season and the same are removed during off season. Recently, ANIIDCO, a corporation of the A&N Administration has ventured in setting up some eco-friendly tents at the Goodwill Estate for promoting Eco-friendly tourism.