

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
LOK SABHA**

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AGREEMENT WITH UNDP IN TOURISM SECTOR
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has signed an agreement with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) to launch a new brand of tourism;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether UNDP has agreed to provide funds for tourism;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the manner in which it is likely to be utilised?

Answer

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

(a), (b), (c), (d) & (e): The Government of India and United Nations Development Programme have signed an agreement for the development of endogenous tourism. Under this, UNDP has agreed for grant of sum of US\$ 2.5 million for development of endogenous tourism through building of capacities of the villagers to take up tourism related activities. The programme will be taken up through selected NGOs.