

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
TOURISM  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1637  
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PROMOTION OF TOURISM IN GUJARAT  
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**Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government is aware of vast coastal area in Gujarat which has tremendous potential for promotion of tourism;
- (b) if so, whether the Government has formulated any action plan to develop tourism in the coastal area; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the financial assistance provided to the State Government for the purpose?

**Answer**

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

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): Development and promotion of places of tourist spots/interest is primarily undertaken by the State Governments/UT Administrations themselves. However, the Department of Tourism also sanctions projects at important tourist places in the country including coastal areas. These projects are sanctioned on the basis of field visits/consultation with the States/UT Administrations concerned.

(c): During the 10th Five Year Plan, no project proposal has been received from the State Government of Gujarat regarding development of coastal area. However, during the last three years (2001-02 to 2003-04), 21 projects for Rs.1423.13 lakhs were sanctioned for development of tourism in the State of Gujarat.