

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
LOK SABHA**

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MONSOON AND WINTER TOURISM DESTINATIONS
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have identified monsoon and winter tourism destinations to promote tourism during that period;
- (b) if so, the details thereof ;
- (c) the details of hotel occupancy during the last two years and the current year so far, in the country;
- (d) whether the Government proposed "Special Tourism Package" both for domestic and foreign tourists during the season; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Identification & development of tourism destinations is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments & Union Territories. However, India Tourism offices in India & abroad promote the tourism products of all States/Union Territories which includes monsoon & winter tourism destinations.

(c): Based on the information complied from returns submitted by approved hotels to Ministry of Tourism, the overall occupancy of these hotels was 65.1% in 2004 and 67.7% in 2005.

(d) & (e): Formulation of tour packages is primarily the responsibility of the Airlines, tour operators & travel agents. The Ministry of Tourism, Government of India does not formulate any tour packages.