

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM
RAJYA SABHA
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DOMESTIC TOURISTS .

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Will the Minister of COALCOALCOALCOALTOURISM be pleased to state :-

- (a) whether the Ministry conducted any study as to where do Indians travel to explore their own country and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether Government has issued guidelines/instructions etc. to the State Governments concerning providing of mandatory facilities to domestic tourists and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether there is any proposal to construct budget hotels at important tourists place by ITDC for the benefit of domestic tourists and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the steps taken to develop tourism in backward States of Bihar and Orissa?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM

(SHRI SULTAN AHMED)

(a) to (d): No such study has been conducted by Ministry of Tourism.

Ministry of Tourism issues guidelines from time to time for development of tourism infrastructure in the country used by domestic and foreign tourists under its schemes 'Product/Infrastructure Development for Destinations and Circuits', 'Scheme of assistance for Large Revenue Generating Projects', etc. However, development and promotion of tourism including provision of various facilities to domestic tourists is primarily undertaken by the State Governments/UT Administrations. Ministry of Tourism provides financial assistance to States/ UTs on the basis of project proposals received from them in accordance with scheme guidelines subject to availability of funds and inter-se priority.

During the 11th Five Year Plan (up to 30.09.2010), an amount of Rs.53.99 crore and Rs.102.70 crore have been sanctioned to the State of Bihar and Orissa respectively for various tourism related projects.

At present ITDC has no plan to construct any budget hotel on its own in the country.