

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4079
ANSWERED ON 27.03.2017**

DEVELOPMENT OF TOURISM ON ISLANDS

**4079. SHRI DUSHYANT CHAUTALA:
SHRI NANA PATOLE:**

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has formulated any action plan to develop Islands and other offshore islands of the country in terms of building infrastructure, power, resorts and hotels to promote tourism in these islands;**
- (b) if so, the details of identified islands and geological positions of such islands along with the action taken/being taken by the Government in this regard;**
- (c) the estimated cost involved in the development of such islands along with the time by which the said development will take place;**
- (d) whether the Government has received proposals in this regard; and**
- (e) if so, the details thereof along with the status of such proposals?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)

(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

(a) to (b): Yes, Niti Aayog has informed that they have taken up an initiative for preparation of a Concept Development Plans and Detailed Master Plans for holistic development of 10 islands viz. Smith Island, Ross Island, Long Island (Mai-i-tang), Avis Island and Little Andaman in Andaman & Nicobar and Minicoy Island, Bangaram, Thinnakara, Cheriyam and Suheli in Lakshadweep.

(c) to (e): In addition, Niti Aayog has prepared and uploaded a request for Qualification (RFQ)-cum-Request for proposal (RFP) document on their website for selecting Consultant to facilitate preparation of Concept Development Plans and Detailed Master Plans for the holistic Development of Package-I Islands (Smith Island, Ross Island, Long Island and Avis Island), Package-II Islands (Little Andaman) located in Union Territory of Andaman & Nicobar and Package-III Islands (Minicoy Island, Bangaram, Thinnakara, Cheriyam and Suheli) located in Union Territory of Lakshadweep.
