

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2084
ANSWERED ON 01.01.2018**

DEVELOPMENT OF TOURISM IN ISLANDS

2084. SHRI MAHEISH GIRRI:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has already expressed interest in developing about ten islands in India into global destinations;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether these islands have been identified in Lakshadweep and Andaman and Nicobar and if so, the details thereof;**
- (d) whether the Government has prepared action plan for undertaking development works on these islands; and**
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)

(SHRI K. J. ALPHONS)

(a) to (c): Yes, Niti Aayog has informed that they have taken up an initiative for preparation of 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 Island, Thinnakara Island, Cheriya Island and Suheli Island in Lakshadweep.

(d) & (e): Niti Aayog has engaged Consultants for preparation of Concept Development Plans and Detailed Master Plans for Package-I Islands (Smith, Ross, Long and Avis Islands) in Andaman & Nicobar and for Package-III Islands (Minicoy, Bangaram, Thinnakara, Cheriya and Suheli Islands) in Lakshadweep.

The process of awarding of work to consultant selected through competitive bidding for preparation of Concept Development Plans and Detailed Master Plans for Package II Island i.e Little Andaman in Andaman and Nicobar is under progress.
