

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.247
ANSWERED ON 05.02.2024**

STUDY OF TOURISM FEASIBILITY IN STATES

**247. SHRI SHRIRANG APPA BARNE:
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is contemplating on the possibility of tourism in various lakes and rivers in the country including Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh and if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government in this regard;**
- (b) whether the Government is looking on the possibility of landing of sea planes on lakes in the country and if so, the details thereof and the names of the lakes identified for the said purpose;**
- (c) whether the Union Government has sought any report from various State Governments in this regard and if so, the response of the State Governments thereto;**
- (d) whether the Government has sent any central team to study the feasibility of the above-said proposal; and**
- (e) if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM

(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

(a) to (c): Ministry of Tourism promotes India in a holistic manner, through various initiatives under its Schemes of “Domestic Promotion & Publicity including Hospitality” (DPPH) and “Overseas Promotion & Publicity (OPP)” including State of Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh. As part of its on-going activities; it regularly releases print, electronic, online and outdoor media campaigns in the international markets, under the “Incredible India” brand-line, to promote various tourism destinations and products of India. The Ministry of Tourism also regularly promotes various tourism

destinations and products through its website and social media promotions.

Ministry of Tourism provides Central Financial Assistance (CFA) to the State Governments/UT Administrations/Central Government Agencies for development of Tourism related infrastructure including tourism in lakes and rivers.

To position India as a preferred destination for adventure tourism globally, Ministry of Tourism has formulated a National Strategy for Adventure Tourism. A National Board for Adventure Tourism has been constituted under the Chairpersonship of Secretary (T), comprising of representatives from identified Central Ministries/Organizations, State Governments/ UT Administrations and Industry Stakeholders. The Board guides the operationalization and implementation of the strategy to promote and develop adventure tourism in the Country.

Further the infrastructure developed for transportation on National Waterways by Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) including fairway, terminals, jetties, navigation aids etc. are used by the river tourism operators also.

Ministry of Civil Aviation introduced a new mode of transportation i.e. seaplane operations from water aerodromes under UDAN-3.

Details of 21 water aerodromes identified in the States of Gujarat, Assam, Andhra Pradesh, Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Goa, Himachal Pradesh and Lakshadweep is placed at Annexure.

(d) & (e): The Ministry of Civil Aviation (MoCA) and Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways (MoPSW) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on 15th June, 2021 for the development of seaplane services in India.

Water side Feasibility studies of Water aerodromes of various States has been carried out by the following agencies:

- Assam: Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port, Kolkata (SMPK)**
- Andaman & Nicobar: Andaman Lakshadweep Harbour Works (ALHW)**
- Lakshadweep: Cochin Port Trust (CoPA)**

ANNEXURE

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.247 ANSWERED ON 05.02.2024 REGARDING STUDY OF TOURISM FEASIBILITY IN STATES BY SHRI SHRIRANG APPA BARNE, SHRI SANJAY SADASHIVRAO MANDLIK, SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA, SHRI DHAIRYASHEEL SAMBHAJIRAO MANE, SHRI PRATAPRAO JADHAV

List of Water Aerodromes identified under UDAN

Sr. No.	STATE	WATER AERODROME
1.	Andaman & Nicobar (UT)	Swaraj Dweep (W)
2.		Long Island (W)
3.		Mayabunder (W)
4.		Shaheed Dweep (W)
5.	Andhra Pradesh	Prakasam Barrage (W)
6.	Assam	Guwahati River Front (W)
7.		Kaziranga
8.	Goa	North Goa
9.		South Goa
10.	Gujarat	Dwarka (W)
11.		Sabarmati River Front(W)
12.		Statue of Unity (W)
13.	Himachal Pradesh	Dalhousie (W)
14.	Lakshadweep Island	Agatti (W)
15.		Minicoy (W)
16.		Kavaratti (W)
17.		Kalpeni (W)
18.		Bitra (W)
19.		Kadmat (W)
20.		Kiltan (W)
21.		Bangaram (W)
