

- The Ministry of Tourism has launched 'Welcome Booklet' with information on Do's and Don'ts for tourists, contact details of India Tourism Domestic Offices and Tourist Helpline Number for distribution at immigration counters to tourists arriving at international airports.
- Promotion of India as a holistic destination in the international markets under the Incredible India brand line.
- Organisation of biennial International Buddhist Conclave.
- Organisation of Annual International Tourism Mart for promotion of tourism in North Eastern States.
- Promotion of activities in tourist generating markets overseas through the India Tourism Offices abroad with active participation in International Tourism Events.
- Financial assistance to Stakeholders and Tourism Departments of States/UTs for undertaking promotional activities under the Marketing Development Assistance Scheme.

Development of islands for tourism

1156. SHRI M. P. VEERENDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has any plan to develop 700 islands for tourism across the country;
- (b) whether Government has identified these islands;
- (c) if so, the State-wise details thereof; and
- (d) the State-wise estimated cost of the project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (DR. MAHESH SHARMA): (a) to (d) The Ministry of Home Affairs and the NITI Aayog informs that the Committee of Secretaries headed by the Cabinet Secretary on matters related to Holistic development of islands, in its meeting held on 12.05.2016 has recommended a list of 20 islands for holistic development. The Names of the islands State/UT-wise are given in the Statement (*See* below). It was also decided that NITI Aayog will be responsible for the preparation of holistic development plans for these islands.

Statement*List of Islands recommended for Holistic Development by the
Committee of Secretaries*

Sl. No.	State/UT	Name of Island
1.	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	Smith Island
2.	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	Ross Island
3.	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	Long Island (Mai-i-tang)
4.	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	Neil Island
5.	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	Havelock Island
6.	Gujarat	Mamlia Island
7.	Gujarat	Murga Island
8.	Gujarat	Bet Shankhodhar
9.	Gujarat	Alia Bet
10.	Gujarat	Piram Island
11.	Lakshadweep	Kadmat Island
12.	Lakshadweep	Minicoy Island
13.	Lakshadweep	Kalpeni Island
14.	Lakshadweep	Chetlet Island
15.	Lakshadweep	Kiltan Island
16.	Maharashtra	Panju Island
17.	Tamil Nadu	Pamban/Rameshwaram Islands
18.	West Bengal	Sagar Island
19.	West Bengal	Patibunia Island
20.	West Bengal	Jambudwip

Privatization of ITDC hotels

1157. SHRI K. K. RAGESH: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the privatization of hotels currently owned by India Tourism Development Corporation (ITDC) is being considered by Government, if so, the details thereof;

(b) what are the reasons cited for the decision for such privatization;