

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.276
ANSWERED ON 24.06.2019**

DEVELOPMENT OF ISLAND TOURISM

276. SHRI D.K.SURESH:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal for development of island tourism in the country;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether the Government has identified any potential island tourism destinations in the country and if so, the details thereof;**
- (d) whether the Government has constituted any Committee to study the feasibility of development of island tourism in the country; and**
- (e) if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
(SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL)**

(a) to (c): The Holistic Development of identified islands in the country has been taken by NITI Aayog. Under this initiative, Master plans for sustainable development of four islands namely Long, Aves, Smith and Ross of Andaman & Nicobar and five islands of Lakshadweep namely Bangaram, Cheriyam, Minicoy, Suheli and Thinnakara have been prepared.

Four tourism-based projects in Andaman & Nicobar Islands (one each in Smith Island, Aves Island, Long Island and Shaheed Dweep) and three tourism-based projects in Lakshadweep (one each in Kadmat, Minicoy and Suheli Island) have been identified for implementation through Public Private Partnership (PPP) mode.

The Ministry of Tourism has also sanctioned a project for Rs.42.19 Crore during 2016-17 for Development of Coastal Circuit (Long Island-Ross Smith Island- Neil Island- Havelock Island- Baratang Island-Port Blair) in Andaman & Nicobar under the Coastal thematic circuit of Swadesh Darshan Scheme for development of island tourism in the country.

(d) & (e): Islands Development Agency (IDA) has been constituted on 1st June 2017 to oversee the comprehensive development of Islands. Further, a committee has been constituted in NITI Aayog to recommend a roadmap for harnessing the development potential of Little Andaman and Great Nicobar Islands in Andaman & Nicobar Islands.
