

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM

RAJYA SABHA
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PROTECTION OF NATURAL ENVIRONMENT OF ANDAMAN & NICOBAR ISLANDS

1758. SHRI VIVEK K. TANKHA:

Will the Minister of **TOURISM** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has in place any existing policy to control/ manage tourist influx in the Union Territory of Andaman and Nicobar Islands; and
- (b) if so, what is the prevailing policy to ensure that the economic interests of the Union Territory of Andaman and Nicobar Islands do not result in the destruction of its natural environment?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF TOURISM

(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): The objective of A&N Administration is to promote sustainable tourism in the islands in such a way that it would benefit the local community by generating employment and contribute to the economic growth of this Union Territory without disturbing the ecological balance. To this end it would endeavour to :-

- (i) Promote eco-tourism with a view to protect the fragile eco-system.
- (ii) Project a tourist- friendly image to the domestic market and the world at large as one of the best island tourism destinations in the world.
- (iii) Become the number one Indian tourist destination in terms of per capita visitor's expenditure.
- (iv) Focus on international tourism by networking these islands with South East Asian tour packages.
- (v) Develop world class infrastructure i.e. hotels, resorts, transport and communication.
