

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF TOURISM

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**UNSTARRED QUESTIONNO. 296**  
ANSWERED ON 03.02.2022

**ESTABLISHMENT OF NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF WATER SPORTS IN ANDHRA  
PRADESH**

296. SHRI VENKATARAMANA RAO MOPIDEVI:

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

- (a) the details of prerequisites for establishment of National Institute of Water Sports in States or UTs of the country;
- (b) whether Government will set up National Institute of Water Sports in Andhra Pradesh (Visakhapatnam) as a center under Indian Institute of Tourism and Travel Management, Andhra Pradesh for encouraging aqua tourism and adventure in South India; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefore?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF TOURISM

(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

(a) to (c): National Institute of Water Sports (NIWS), Goa is a centre functioning under the Indian Institute of Tourism & Travel Management (IITTM), a central autonomous body under the Ministry of Tourism, for training and certification in water sports and related activities. NIWS, Goa is mandated to impart training in water related sports activities across all States and UTs. For opening of any centre of a central autonomous body there are factors including those as prescribed under the GFR, 2017. Depending on factors like potential for tourism development, resource availability, viability, demand and other such factors and comparative advantage among various sites across States and UTs, branches of autonomous bodies are decided, including at Vishakhapatnam.

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