

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5224
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NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF WATER SPORTS

5224. SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR BELLANA:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any plan to set up National Institute of Water Sports in Andhra Pradesh (Visakhapatnam) as a centre under Indian Institute of Tourism and Travel Management, Andhra Pradesh for encouraging aqua tourism and adventure in South India; and**
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF TOURISM

(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

(a) & (b): 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 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 in Andhra Pradesh. No proposal has been received in the Ministry for setting up of National Institute of Water Sports in Andhra Pradesh (Visakhapatnam).
