

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM

RAJYA SABHA
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INFLOW OF TOURISTS TO ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR AND LAKSHADWEEP

2224 DR. PRASHANTA NANDA:

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

- (a) whether Government has a strategy in place to restrict or manage the inflow of tourists to the Union Territory of Andaman and Nicobar Islands and Lakshadweep Islands; and
- (b) if so, whether the policy is in place to guarantee that the economic interests of these Union Territories do not lead to the deterioration of their natural environment, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM

(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

(a) and (b): Ministry of Tourism does not have a strategy to restrict or manage the inflow of tourists to the Union Territory of Andaman and Nicobar Islands and Lakshadweep Islands. The strategy to restrict or manage the inflow of tourists is primarily the responsibility of concerned UT Administration. However, the draft National Tourism Policy envisages economic development of the region while protecting the natural environment and to maintain a balance between the use of local resources for eco and sustainable tourism and the livelihood of local inhabitants.
