

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3154
ANSWERED ON 20.03.2023**

INTRODUCTION OF WATER SPORTS INSTITUTE IN GUJARAT

3154.SHRI MOHANBHAI KALYANJI KUNDARIYA:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware that State of Gujarat has coastline of 1600 Kms;**
- (b) if so, keeping this in view, whether the Government proposes to introduce water sports institute in Gujarat;**
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and**
- (d) if not, time by which it is likely to be initiated?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM

(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d): 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. No proposal has been received in the Ministry for setting up of any centre of NIWS in Gujarat.
