

TOURISM

Tribal areas abound in special interest tourism - rich beauty of heritage and culture, ecology, dense forests, eye-soothing greenery, wild life, trekking, water rafting, snow skiing, safari, bird watching, fishing, adventure. Tourism being labour-intensive can promote new ventures for providing large-scale employment to youth and women in the services sector and, in particular, in a variety of cottage industries, handicrafts, arts, retail trade etc. Development of tourism in the North East and Himalayan areas may lead to the economic development of the tribal communities in the region. The tribal youth can be involved in the opening of facilities for stay (hotels, motels), food (bakeries, cafeterias, restaurants) and can work as tourist guides/operators/facilitators and transport operators etc. 2. What are the facilities that are being offered to the tribal students to enroll in the courses of Hotel Management, Food Craft Institutes etc. and grant of scholarships by the State Government? Please furnish a note.	The Admn. Proposes to introduce Tourism activities in the area of Nicobars, which is inhabited by the Nicobarese, provided they are agreeable to it. "Etho-tourism" is proposed in Nicobars in such a manner that it does not impinge up on the Socio-cultural fabric of tribal society, does not exert undue strain on local resources yet provides employment and economic avenues for tribals and more importantly with their informed consents and participation.
3. What are the financial incentives like grant of loans at nominal rates of interest and subsidy for opening of restaurants, purchase of equipment for trekking, motor vehicles etc. by the State Tribal Finance Development Corporation and other financial institutions? 4. Indicate year-wise the number of tribal beneficiaries given assistance during the last five years for various activities for promotion of tourism, in the table given below:	20% seat for all professional course including Hotel Management allotted by the Government of India is reserved for the STs. The ST students nominated to the professional courses are fully reimbursed hostel expenses as scholarship. Besides they can paid additional scholarship @ Rs.500/- PM by the Tribal Welfare Department as on incentives. Does not arise until the tribal area is opened for tourists.
	Nil

Year	Purpose	Financial assistance		Results achieved
1	2	Loan	Subsidy	
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