

**TOURISM DEPARTMENT
GOVERNMENT OF SIKKIM**

Sub: Expression of Interest (EOI) for the tourism related Infrastructure projects to be taken up under Public Private Partnership (PPP) mode in Sikkim.

Sikkim is a peaceful, safe and insurgency free destination with friendly, hospitable people and stable tourism-pro government that offers most congenial atmosphere for promotion of tourism. As such, tourism has now emerged as the most important civil industry in the State.

Tourism is bound to flourish further in Sikkim as the entire State is a biodiversity hotspot blessed with unblemished natural beauty with lush green forest and a large variety of flora & fauna. The State also boasts for its unique culture, ethnic heritage, pilgrimage sites, sites of archeological interest and more so, a big option for the adventure lovers. As a showcase of nature-tourism, the hill of Sikkim offers a perfect option for the tourists those in search of authentic natural splendor away from the city congestion.

The strategic planning of tourism products is to give emphasis on larger social objectives, conservation of local and regional ecology and to bring about all round tourism development. The prospective developers have to examine the potential of the area under consideration for survey investigation, DPR and execution under PPP mode.

The emphasis is to develop World Class iconic tourist infrastructure and facilities with better technical inputs and higher professional approach so that it can be marketed in the international platform. The State is endowed with unblemished natural beauty spread over the entire hills. While planning the world class tourism infrastructure, prospective developers also have to take the responsibility to

ensure that the tourism products being created are self-sustainable and are in harmony with the nature, culture and heritage of Sikkim.

Sikkim Tourism is exploring the possibility of promoting a number of commercial tourism projects on PPP mode to boost the overall tourism scenario of the State.

Such projects may include:

- Accommodation/hotels category (5-Star+)
- Budget accommodation
- Passenger/Tourist Ropeways,
- Adventure sports/EcoTourism,
- Sky-Walk at Bhaleydhunga and related infrastructure,
- Toy-trains/skating rinks etc,
- Theme Parks/Amusement Parks,
- Golf Courses.
- Luxury Transportation System,
- Helicopter services /Heli Tourism,
- MICE Tourism in Sikkim,
- Wayside Amenities at focal/Nodal places.
- Wellness Tourism related infrastructure.
- Management lease of Guest Houses and Infrastructure at Saramsa Garden.
- And other feasible projects for tourism sector in Sikkim.

The interested parties/developers in PPP mode are requested to submit their letter for EOI to the undersigned on or before 15th March, 2010 along with their detailed company profile and projects being or already taken up under PPP mode including relevant certificate to support the EOI.

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