

Research Agenda for Laws Concerning Tourism

1. Determine in what ways the H.P. Ancient and Historical Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Act can be amended to protect important ecological sites, the biosphere, and genetic pools. By means of field studies, find out the major differences between the protection of sites by the Archeology Department and the Forest Department in terms of management administration, efficacy, and impact on the local people. Determine which alternatives offer better solutions.
2. Determine how laws concerning apartments and hotels can be amended so as to regulate their construction in ecologically sensitive areas and in ecologically destructive ways.

3. Within the existing development strategies, it has become a common practice to construct roads to every area of tourist interest. This is neither in the interest of ecology nor in the interest of all tourists. Alternative modes of transport and ways of reaching out to remote areas are of equal interest. Do a cost-benefit analysis of the alternative modes of transport and pathways that the State can provide, and determine the best model that can serve the financial needs of the State, the interests of ecology, and the interests of tourists. Work out a legal regime that will allow the implementation of this best model.