

Agriculture and Environment Committee

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Chair,
Agriculture and Environment Committee.

Because allowing the development of tourist resorts inside national parks is not compatible with the cardinal principle, i.e. the sole object of the Act, namely 'the conservation of nature,'

and because the term 'ecotourism facility,' which still remains in Section 35(1) of the Nature Conservation Act 1992, has the capacity to allow the development of such resorts,

I urge the Committee to amend or remove the term 'ecotourism facility,' either in the provisions of the Bill being considered now or in the Bill due to be submitted at a later date which will deal with further amendments to the 1992 Act.

I further urge the Committee to address any other provisions or omissions relevant to the above, in order to prohibit any invasions of tourism infrastructure within the boundaries of our National Parks, so that they may be preserved as intended in their natural, unspoiled and unmodified state.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to comment.
Wishing you well in your deliberations,

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