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Cabinet nod to new tourism policy

Ranchi: The state cabinet chaired by chief minister Raghu-
bar Das on Tuesday gave its nod to the new state tourism poli-
cy and formation of an eco-tourism board to promote tourism
in Jharkhand.

The new policy will promote several forms of tourism in
Jharkhand and will attempt to draw private investments in
the sector by providing tax exemptions and incentives in in-
frastructure development. "The policy will have set of guide-
lines for tourism companies and hoteliers which will have to
be adhered to," principal secretary Avinash Kumar said after
the meeting.

The cabinet also roped in New Delhi-based NGO Indian
Trust for Rural Heritage Development (ITRHD) for restora-
tion of the terracotta temple complex site in Maluti village in
Dumka. The ITRHD had proposed a conservation plan worth
Rs 9 crore to the erstwhile Arjun Munda government in 2011.
The government will enter into a MoU with the organization.

The cabinet also made biometric attendance for govern-
ment employees mandatory. This apart, the cabinet also allot-
ted 1,000 acres of land for free to Indian Agriculture Research
Institute in Hazaribag. TNN