

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
LOK SABHA**

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DEVELOPMENT OF SEA BEACHES IN ORISSA
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the tourism potential of Puri, Chandipur, Konark and Gopalpur sea beaches in Orissa;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has drawn up any action plan for the development of these sea beaches to promote tourism in the State; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SMT.RENUKA CHOWDHURY)

(a) and (b): Yes, Sir. A large number of domestic and foreign tourists visit these places.

(c) and (d): Ministry of Tourism, Government of India, extends financial assistance to the State Governments/UTs for development of tourism on the basis of projects identified in consultation with them every year for providing financial assistance under the schemes Integrated Development of Tourist Circuits, Product/Infrastructure and Destination Development and Large Revenue Generating Projects.

Government has also prepared 20 Year Perspective Plans for the States/UTs with the broad objectives of:

- i) assessing the existing tourism scenario in the States;
- ii) reviewing the status of existing development/investment plans;
- iii) evaluating the existing potential tourist destinations;
- iv) developing sustainable tourism in a time period of 20 years;
- v) giving plans with short term and long term targets;
- vi) indicating the likely investment on infrastructure development under different heads; and
- vii) preparing an action plan for implementing of identified potential scheme/projects, and for development of infrastructure

The 20 Year Perspective Plans prepared for the States have given State-wise details and the action plan for implementation of identified potential development schemes/projects.