

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3395
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DEVELOPMENT OF PURI KONARK BEACH .
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the Government has any proposal to develop Puri-Konark beach in Orissa;
- (b) If so, the funds earmarked for the said project;
- (c) The progress made so far on the project; and
- (d) The time by which it is likely to be completed?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SMT. AMBIKA SONI)

(a) and (b): Development and promotion of tourism is undertaken primarily by the State Governments/UT Administrations. The Ministry of Tourism, Government of India, extends financial assistance to the State Governments/UT Administrations for tourism related projects which are identified in consultation and interaction with them under schemes for Integrated Development of Tourist Circuits, Product/Infrastructure Development of Destinations and Assistance to Large Revenue Generating Projects. Project proposals for prioritized projects that are complete in all respect are examined under scheme guidelines and approved on the basis of inter-se priority and funds released subject to availability under respective head.

A total amount of Rs.394.55 lakh has been sanctioned for development of Puri as a tourist destination during the year 2003-04. Another project for Integrated Development of Tourist Circuit Bhubaneswar-Dhuli-Puri-Konark has been sanctioned in the year 2005-06 for Rs.720.09 lakh.

A Statement showing year-wise details of projects sanctioned during the Tenth Plan period for the State of Orissa is at Annexure.

(c) and (d): Implementation and completion of projects sanctioned under various schemes of the Ministry of Tourism, Government of India is the responsibility of the State Government. Ministry of Tourism, Government of India monitors the progress of projects and status of utilization of funds through review meetings from time to time.