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Title: Need to develop Daringibadi in Orissa as a tourist resort by extending Central assistance. – Laid.

SHRI SUGRIB SINGH (PHULBANI): Daringibadi, a scenic beauty tourist spot in the traditionally backward and predominantly tribal populated district, Kondhamal, in Orissa is situated at a height of about 5000 feet above the sea level. This hilly terrace is famous for its natural beauty, the flora and fauna, the dense forest and wild animals around it. Because of its ideal location and healthy climatic condition, the former Chief Minister of Orissa Late Biju Patnaik had expressed his desire to make it the summer capital of Orissa. People who visit Daringibadi call it the second Kashmir of India. But it is unfortunate that the place is yet to be brought under the tourist map of India despite the presence of natural beauty.

The Government of India is laying emphasis on the promotion of wild life tourism, forest tourism and tourism in the tribal areas. Daringibadi can be brought under the tourist map of India if the infrastructural facilities are provided and the place is developed as a national tourist centre. Daringibadi can also be developed as a beautiful hill station which will ultimately attract thousands of domestic as well as foreign tourists.

Since the State Government is not in a position to bear the cost of this project, I request the Union Ministry of Tourism to send a Central Team to tap the tourism potential there and explore the possibility of developing it as National Tourist Centre by releasing Central assistance without any further delay.