

(b) if not, whether there is any proposal to cover this sub-division by providing a transposer at suitable location to cover the uncovered area?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Whereas there is no approved scheme at present to set up a TV transposer in Gunupur sub-division of Koraput district, it is the endeavour of the Government to provide TV service to uncovered areas as expeditiously as possible, dependent upon availability of funds.

#### **Schemes Sanctioned for the Development of Tourism In Orissa**

7424. SHRI ANADI CHARAN DAS: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the steps contemplated by Union Government to attract more tourists to Puri,

Konark and Jaipur (Biraja Khetra) in Orissa;

(b) the schemes sanctioned for the development of tourism in the above places during the last three years; and

(c) the amount sanctioned and spent thereon so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI SATYA PAL MALIK): (a) to (c). The Development of Tourism is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments. However, the Central Departments for strengthening of tourist infrastructure in the country based on specific proposals, their merits, inter-se priorities and availability of funds.

During the last three years, no project/schemes was sanctioned by the Department at these places. However, during the Seventh Five Year Plan the amount sanctioned and released for the following schemes is given as under:

(Rs. in lakhs)

Sl. No.	Name of project/scheme	Amount Sanc.	Amount released
1	2	3	4
1.	Yatri Niwas at Konark	29.25	9.00
2.	Open Air Theatre at Konark	7.10	5.00
3.	Toilet Block near Sun Temple at Konark	3.49	3.49

#### **Way-Side Amenities at Bhadrak in Orissa**

7425. SHRI MANGARAJ MALLIK: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Orissa Government has submitted schemes for Transit Lodge amenities at Bhadrak and (ii) Bhitarkanika Forest Transit Lodge and Chandbali both in Balasore district of Orissa and these schemes are still pending for approval by Union Gov-