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Title: Request the government for development activities of Lake Anshupa to promote tourism.

*SHRI BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB (CUTTACK): In the words of Radhanatha Ray

“Swarupa Anshupa loke agochara
Pujiyaspada hela gospada Pushkara”

It means

The naturally formed lake Anshupa remains unknown & invisible while lake Pushkar formed by cow-hooves garners all the fame & reverence.

Anshupa is a sweet-water lake situated on the banks of river Mahanadi & gets inundated by Mahanadi water only. The lake has an area of five thousand acres. It was covered entirely with aquatic weeds. With the support of Work Bank Rs. two crores & thirty lakhs were spent to clear the weeds. Being the largest sweet-water lake it attracts a lot of migratory birds. Fishing activities are taking place too, giving a boost to the income of nearby panchayat residents. Government has taken up many developmental activities in the area too.

Sir, through you I'd like to request the Government to accord appropriate status to the Anshupa lake as per the Ramsar Convention. This will pave way for more central financial assistance as well as aid from abroad. This will increase the inflow of tourists to the place & it can become a major tourist attraction & garner revenue.

माननीय अध्यक्ष : कुँवर पुष्पेन्द्र सिंह चन्देल को श्री भर्तृहरि महताब द्वारा उठाए गए विषय के साथ संबद्ध करने की अनुमति प्रदान की जाती है।

माननीय सदस्यगण, आज आप सभी अनुशासन का पालन कर रहे हैं, उसके लिए मैं आप सभी को धन्यवाद देता हूँ।

...(व्यवधान)