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Title: Need to provide funds for development of Satkosia wildlife Sanctuary in Odisha—laid.

SHRI NITESH GANGA DEB (SAMBALPUR): Satkosia Wild life Sanctuary is one of the best eco-systems in the country representing a diverse floral and faunal extravaganza, spread along the magnificent gorge over the mighty river of Mahanadi in Odisha. It was declared as wild life sanctuary in the year 1976. The Tiger Reserve has significant Elephant population and endangered species of Gharial and Mugger crocodiles. I have visited this wild life sanctuary recently. The hamlets located in this sanctuary are deprived of their basic requirements like ration, medicines, schools, health centres and communication. I urge the Government of India to ensure harmonious co-existence of these people and wild animals in this sanctuary and more Funds may be provided to make the said sanctuary as one of the best tourist destinations of the country.