

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM AND CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2249

ANSWERED ON:18.03.2002

KILLING OF CHILKA DOLPHINS .

C. SREENVAASAN;GADDE RAMAMOCHAN;M.V.V.S MURTHI;NANDIPAKU VENKATASWAMY;PUTTASWAMY GOWDA

Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned `Tourist boom killing Chilka Dolphins` appearing in the Pioneer dated February 01, 2002;
- (b) if so, whether the Government have conducted any inquiry in this regard;
- (c) if so, the outcome thereof; and
- (d) the follow-up action taken by the Government thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM & CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN)

(a) Yes Sir.

(b) & (c) The State Government of Orissa has informed the Central Government that a Departmental inquiry has been ordered by the Divisional Forest Officer(Wild Life) Chilka Division.

(d) The Chilka Development Authority of the State Government of Orissa submitted a proposal to the Ministry of Environment and Forest, Government of India to conduct a study on the Habitat of Dolphins in Chilka Lake.