

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

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ENVIRONMENTAL TOURISM IN ORISSA  
ANANTA NAYAK

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

- (a) whether there is vast scope to promote environmental tourism in Orissa;
- (b) if so, the places identified for the purpose;
- (c) whether Bhitarkanika and Hakitola in Orissa are ideal for promoting environmental tourism; and
- (d) if so, the steps taken to develop these places?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF TOURISM & CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b),(c) and (d): Promotion and development of tourism including Environmental/Eco- tourism in the States are undertaken by the respective State Governments. Bhitarkanika and Chilka Lake have been identified by the State Government of Orissa for promotion of Eco-tourism.