

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:948
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DECLINE IN TOURISTS TO SEA BEACHES IN GUJARAT
ANANTA NAYAK;PARSURAM MAJHI

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

- (a) whether the flow of tourists to the sea beaches in Orissa has declined after the super cyclone of October 1999;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government have any proposal to beautify the sea beaches in the State to attract foreign tourists; and
- (d) if so, the steps taken in this direction?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN)

(a) and (b): As per information received from the Government of Orissa, there was a general decline in the number of tourists visiting the State including the sea beaches after the super cyclone of October 1999 registering a negative growth rate of 6.1% in 1999 as compared to 1998. However, the tourist traffic has increased during the subsequent years.

(c) and (d): The Government of Orissa has informed that a Master Plan for development of sea beaches at Puri has been prepared.