

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1010  
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WILDLIFE TOURISM IN MADHYA PRADESH  
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**Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether there is vast scope to promote wildlife tourism in Madhya Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the steps taken to develop the national Parks and sanctuaries in the state; (
- (c) whether any assistance was granted to the State Government during the last three years for the purpose; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF TOURISM & CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Eco-tourism which includes Wildlife tourism is a thrust area of the Central Government. Funding support is given to the State Governments including the State Government of Madhya Pradesh for management of tourist facilities in National Parks and Sanctuaries to facilitate Wildlife viewing as well as for promoting awareness amongst tourists.

(c) & (d) The Central Government sanctioned for Wildlife tourism purposes an amount of Rs.71.36 lakhs to the State Government of Madhya Pradesh for interpretation centres, publicity and for awareness campaign.

The details of the amount sanctioned year-wise are given below:-

Year    Amount sanctioned  
(Rs.in Lakhs)

1999-2000	12.84
2000-2001	42.11
2001-2002	16.41