

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
TOURISM  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1849  
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CULTURAL FESTIVAL AT HAMPPI IN KARNATAKA  
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**Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government is aware that tourists from all over the country and abroad have witnessed a three day mega cultural festival of dance, drama and music during the first week of November 2004 in Hampi, Karnatka;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Ministry has a major plan to make Hampi a most attractive international tourist centre; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (SMT. RENUKA CHOWDHURY)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. Hampi Utsav was held from 3rd to 5th November 2004. Noted artists from all over India and local artists performed in dance, drama, vocal, instrumental and folk art.

(c) & (d): Yes, Sir. Ministry of Tourism has sanctioned Rs. 1078.01 lakh during the last three years for the development of Hampi as a major tourist centre.