

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

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DEVELOPMENT OF CHILKA LAKE
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Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the increasing flow of foreign as well as domestic tourists to Chilka lake in Orissa;
- (b) if so, whether there is a need to develop infrastructure at the Chilka lake and its adjoining areas to attract the tourists; and
- (c) if so, the central assistance proposed to be provided for the purpose during the current financial year?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SMT. AMBIKA SONI)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c): Yes, Sir. Identification of places of tourist interest/spots is primarily the responsibility of the State Government concerned. However, the Department of Tourism, Government of India, provides funds on the basis of project proposals prioritized for grant of Central financial assistance every year for tourism infrastructure development after detailed consultation with the State Governments/UT Administrations and subject to availability of funds under the respective head during a specific year.

An amount of Rs.389.05 lakh has been sanctioned during the year 2005-06 for the development of Chilka Lake (Districts Puri and Ganjam) in Orissa as a Tourist Destination. This development work also includes adjoining places like Satpada, Nalabana, Barkul and Rambha.