

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
LOK SABHA**

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SETTING UP OF BUTTERFLY PARK
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has decided to set up Butterfly park on the lines of Kuala Lumpur and a night safari as in Singapore to boost tourism;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the site identified thereof; and
- (d) the time by which these projects are likely to be set up?

Answer

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

(a), (b), (c) & (d): Development of tourist infrastructure facilities is primarily the responsibility of State/UT Governments. Ministry of Tourism extends central financial assistance for the tourism projects received from the State/UT Governments, which are prioritized in consultation with them. In 2003-04, the Ministry of Tourism has sanctioned Rs.500.00 lakh in favor of Govt. of Karnataka for development of Bannerghatta Biological Park, which has a Butterfly park. During the current financial year, Ministry of Tourism has sanctioned Rs. 15.00 lakh for preparation of Detailed Project Report to set up a night safari park at Darjeeling, West Bengal.