

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
LOK SABHA**

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BUDDHISHT TOURISM
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the State Government of Orissa has requested the Union Government to organise Buddhist Conclave in the State;
- (b) if, so the status of the proposal; and
- (c) the time by which the said proposal is likely to be approved?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI SULTAN AHMED)

(a) to (c): Yes, Madam. A request has been received from Government of Orissa for holding the next International Buddhist Conclave in Orissa during 2011. In the wrap up session of International Buddhist Conclave held during 6th -7th February, 2010 at Nalanda, a decision was reached to have the Conclave once in two years, to promote tourism of the Buddhist sites in the country. Two Task Forces have been constituted in the Ministry of Tourism regarding promotion of tourism in Buddhist sites, in both of which Government of Orissa is also a constituent.