

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
TOURISM  
LOK SABHA**

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WILDLIFE AND FOREST TOURISM  
Pangi Shri Jayaram

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware of wildlife and forest tourism potential in the country including Orissa;
- (b) if so, the steps taken by the Government to promote wild life and forest tourism; and
- (c) the funds earmarked/released to the State Governments during Eleventh Five-Year Plan for the purpose?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (c): Development and promotion of tourism including Wildlife and Forest Tourism, is primarily undertaken by the State Governments/UT Administrations. However, Ministry of Tourism extends Central Financial Assistance (CFA) to the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations for development of tourism products under the scheme of Product/Infrastructure Development for Destinations and Circuits, based on the proposals identified in consultations with them, subject to availability of funds and inter-se priority and adherence to scheme guidelines.

The details of projects for development of tourism including wildlife and forest tourism, sanctioned to the State Governments/UT Administrations by the Ministry of Tourism during 11th Plan are at Annexure.