

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
TOURISM  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1715  
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TOURIST RESORT AT BETLA  
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**Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether it is true that adjacent to Palamau Fort at Betla is a famous sanctuary situated in dense forests which can be converted to a worth seeing tourist resort;
- (b) if so, whether the Government envisaging any plan to develop this site as an ideal tourist resort;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor ?

**Answer**

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

(a): Yes, Madam.

(b),(c)and(d): The development and promotion of tourism projects is primarily undertaken by the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations. However, Ministry of Tourism provides Central Financial Assistance for projects which are prioritized in consultation with the State Government/UT Administration subject to availability of funds and adherence to guidelines under various schemes.

As per information furnished by Government of Jharkhand, two more facilities namely Tourist Plaza and Jungle Hut have been added in 2011-12 in addition to existing tourist complexes namely Van Vihar Betla and the Youth Hostel. The existing facilities along with the new ones are sufficient to cater to the requirements of the present number of tourists.