

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
LOK SABHA**

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DEVELOPING KARADI DHAMA
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Karadi Dhama in Karnataka is a popular tourist destination;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has any plan to improve connectivity and tourist infrastructure in the area to boost tourism; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (SHRISHRIPAD NAIK)

(a) to (d): The Dharoji Bear Sanctuary locally known as Karadi Dhama, close to the World Heritage site Hampi is a popular tourist destination. Apart from sloth bears this area gives shelter to other animals and birds, including leopards, hyenas, wolves, jackals, wild boars, peacocks, snakes etc. An average of 40,000 tourists visit this sanctuary every year.

The Ministry of Tourism, Government of India sanctioned Central Financial Assistance (CFA) of Rs.339.77 lakh in the year 2009-10 to the Department of Tourism, Government of Karnataka for the project Development of Eco Tourism Resort facilities at Dharoji Bear Sanctuary, Hampi under the Product Infrastructure Development of Destinations and Circuits (PIDDC) Scheme. As a part of this project construction of Reception, Kitchen, Golghar, Log Huts, Tents, Toilets, Chain Link Fencing, Landscape, Electrical Infrastructure Works were taken up and completed.