

Title: Regarding tourism facilities in Orissa.

SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU (BERHAMPUR - ORISSA): Sir, as you know, India is getting a lot of foreign exchange through tourism sector. But if we go to Orissa part, though there is a vast coastal area and a lot of historically and culturally important places yet they are not being properly developed. In the Southern part of Orissa, Ganjam and Gajapati districts are there. There are a lot of tourist spots which have their own cultural and historical importance. In Ganjam, places like Gopalpur are there which have coastal areas. They are having very good potentiality for tourism. Similarly, the places like Bhairavi, Patisonapur, Taratarni, Taptapani, etc. are tourist spots. In Gajapati, Mahendra Giri is a place which speaks a story of Mahabharata. It is a very big tourism spot. But it requires a lot of development. The places like Gondahati also require development.

I would request the Department of Tourism, Government of India to pay special attention to these places and provide more funds so that they could be developed and could earn more foreign exchange through tourism.