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Title : Need to connect Delhi and Bhubaneswar by new flights connecting Bodh Gaya and Varanasi.

SHRIB. MAHTAB (CUTTACK): Varanasi and Bodha Gaya are two important religious centres of India which are frequented by internal and foreign tourists in large number. Similar religious attractions are also available in Orissa. Like Varanasi, which is a famous Saiva Centre, Bhubaneswar is also a Saiva Centre. Puri is famous as a Vaishnab Centre. Konark is a World heritage Monument. Dhauli-Ratnagiri – Udayagiri – Lalitgiri – Langudi is another famous Buddhist circuit which needs connection with major Buddhist Centres. There is a need to connect Delhi and Bhubaneswar by new flights which should touch Bodh Gaya and Varanasi, so that it becomes convenient for tourists visiting these two places to visit Orissa as well.

I would suggest that frequency of Delhi-Bhubaneswar flight should be increased from daily to twice a day and one of the flights be routed via Varanasi for 4 days and via Bodh Gaya for 3 days a week during onward journey from Delhi and direct Bhubaneswar – Delhi on return journey. I would also urge upon the Government to consider a Bangkok – Bhubaneswar – Bodh Gaya flight as part of the Buddhist Circuit. This will help in flow of foreign tourist.

(xi) Need to ensure that Dearness Allowance is paid by the

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