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Title: Need to provide sufficient infrastructure for promotion of tourism in coastal area of Digha, West Bengal.

SHRI PRASANTA PRADHAN (CONTAI): The Sea shore of the Bay of Bengal from Digha to Haldia in West Bengal is much sought after tourist destination especially sea beach at Digha. However, there are no durable tourist spots at Digha, Sankaspur, Madermoni, Janpur, Patuaghat, Khejuri-Masnadiala. These tourist spots are interlinked by a coastal highway. The infrastructure needs to be built under a mega tourist plan so that tourists are able to reach the place comfortably. The connecting roads from the main road (Nandakumar to Dighp) is not properly maintained. The condition of roads needs to be improved and made attractive. If this project is approved, the protective walls of the sea-shore can help against sea-erosion. In the meanwhile, two villages (Mouzas) have been already submerged into the sea due to the erosion.

Sir, I draw the attention of the Ministry of Ocean Development, Water Resources and Tourism in this regard.