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Title: Regarding promotion of tourism in Karnataka - Laid

KUMARI SHOBHA KARANDLAJE (UDUPI CHIKMAGALUR): Karnataka's tremendous tourism potential has not been harnessed fully, compared with other States. The Government should consider giving a boost to tourism development in Karnataka with a special thrust on COASTAL CIRCUIT AND ECO CIRCUIT.

The Government may consider preparing a blueprint to improve infrastructure facilities at tourist destinations so as to attract more number of people from all over the globe. I urge the Government to prepare a detailed PLAN OF ACTION for the development of Tourist Places like AGUMBE, KEMMANGUNDI, KUDREMUKH, MAGUNDI, MUTHODI, MULLAYANAGIRI KAUP, MALPE, MARAVANTHE, SURATHKAL (Beach Tourism). The 320-Km long coastline of Karnataka offers great potential for developing beach tourism.

I also request the Government to improve or provide basic infrastructure facilities at identified tourist destinations in Karnataka, I also urge the Government to provide CFA to Karnataka for integrated development of theme based tourist circuits and include the same under the SWADESH DARSHAN SCHEME.