

LOK SABHA

*Friday, May 6, 1983 / Vaisakha 16,
1905 (Saka)*

*The Lok Sabha met at Five minutes
past Eleven of the Clock*

[MR. SPEAKER in the chair]

अध्यक्ष महोदय : सोमवार, मंगलवार को बैठने की इच्छा नहीं है क्या ? आप आज ही जाना चाहते हैं ? श्रीमती जयन्ती पटनायक,

(Interruptions)

SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK: Mr. Speaker, you please come to my rescue. Whenever I stand up they are just making some remarks.

अध्यक्ष महोदय : यह तो मेरे ख्याल में कल्चरल डिपार्टमेंट की इंचार्ज लगती हैं ।

SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK: Moreover, they are saying that I am coming with the Government report. What is this? They are saying that I am crossing the border in all these demands. But, sir, I have got my firm roots and I am a representative and I have got my own rights.

MR. SPEAKER: You are well representing the people of the Orissa state.

PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE: Sir, here she is not a State Minister.

MR. SPEAKER : No, She is here in her own capacity.

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Projection of Konark-Puri Golden Triangle In Orissa

*912. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK: Will the minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the efforts made by the Centre and the State government of Orissa for the proper projection of Konark-Puri golden triangle in Orissa;

(b) the works undertaken and the amount spent during the Sixth Plan for that purpose; and

(c) the works remaining to be done for the proper projection of golden triangle during the remaining period of the Sixth Plan period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI KHURSHEED ALAM KHAN): (a) to (c) A statement is laid on the table of the Lok Sabha

STATEMENT I

(a) The Central and the State Governments have undertaken a number of publicity schemes during the course of the last few years for the effective projection of the three important tourist centres in Orissa at Puri, Konarak and Bhubaneswar. A number of developmental schemes have also been undertaken in this belt for providing better tourist facilities.

(b) and (c) The details of schemes undertaken/proposed to be undertaken in these three centres during the Sixth Five Year Plan by the Central Department of Tourism are as follows :

1. A Master Plan of Konarak has already been prepared and forwarded to the State Government for approval and notification.
2. The preparation of a Master Plan for Ratnagiri/Lalitgiri and Udyagiri at an estimated cost of Rs. 4.00 lakhs is being done through the Town and Country Planning Organisation of the Government of India.
3. Work on a Lion Safari Park at Nandan Kanan near Bhubaneswar was started some time back; an amount of Rs. 17.73 lakhs has been released to the State Government for the purpose. The State Government have also incurred an expenditure of Rs. 5 lakhs. The project is likely to be commissioned before the next tourist season of 1983-84.
4. The proposal of ITDC for a joint venture hotel project at Puri at an estimated cost of Rs. 134 lakhs has already been approved by the Cabinet and preliminary arrangements to commence work are being made.

5. Another proposal for a joint venture hotel at Konarak is being processed by ITDC.
6. A scheme for the extension of Hotel Kalinga Ashok at Bhubaneswar has also been sanctioned.
7. The Central Department of Tourism recently opened a Tourist Office at Bhubaneswar.

The schemes undertaken by the Department in the State of Orissa during the Second to the Fifth Five Year Plans are listed in Annexure 'A'.

Second Five Year Plan

Part-I

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| 1. Construction of Rest House at Konark | 47,664 |
| 2. Construction of Rest House at Bhubaneswar | 62,335 |
| 3. Tourist Bureau at Puri, Bhubaneswar, Rourkela and Hirakund. | 34,195 |

Part-II

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| 1. L.I.G. Rest House at Puri and Bhubaneswar. | 1,47,850 |
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| | 2,92,044 |

Third Five Year Plan

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| 1. L.I.G. Rest House at Konark | 1,30,895 |
| 2. L.I.G. Rest House at Rambha (Chilka Lake) | 85,368 |
| 3. L.I.G. Rest House at Puri and Bhubaneswar (Spill-Over) | |
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| | 2,26,489 |

Annual Plan 1966-67

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| 1. L.I.G. Rest House at Konark (Spill-over) | 13,000 |
| 2. Expansion of Tourist Bungalow (Class. II) at Puri | 89,000 |
| 3. Construction of Tourist Bungalow at Rambha (Spill-over) | 93,000 |
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| | 1,95,000 |

Annual Plan 1968-69

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| 1. L.I.G. Rest House at Konark (Spill-over) | 1,000 |
| 2. Expansion of Tourist Bungalow at Puri (Spill-over) | 2,000 |
| 3. Construction of Tourist Bungalow at Rambha (Spill-over) | 47,000 |
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| | 49,000 |

Fourth Five Year Plan

Department of Tourism

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| 1. Construction of a Youth Hostel at Puri | 1,20,000 |
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| 1. Renovation of Travellers Lodge at Bhubaneswar | 1,15,000 |
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| | 3,35,000 |

Fifth Five Year Plan

Department of Tourism :

1974-75

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| 1. Construction of Youth Hostel at Puri | 1,35,000 |
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I.T.D.C.

1975-76

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| 1. Expansion of Travellers Lodge of Bhubaneswar | 12,000 |
| 2. Transport unit at Bhubaneswar | 57,000 |
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| | 69,000 |

1976-77

Department of Tourism :

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| 1. Provision of a motor launch at Chilka Lake | 1,62,308 |
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I.T.D.C.

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| 1. Expansion of Travellers Lodges at Bhubaneswar | 5,88,000 |
| 2. Transport unit at Bhubaneswar | 1,000 |
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| | 5,89,000 |

1977-78

I.T.D.C.

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| 1. Travellers Lodge at Bhubaneswar | 6,63,000 |
| 2. Transport Unit | 1,000 |

1978-79

I.T.D.C.

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| 1. Travellers Lodge at Konark (Renovation) | 1,000 |
| 2. Conversion of Bhubaneswar Travellers Lodge into hotel | 9,63,000 |
| 3. Transport unit at Bhubaneswar | 1,13,000 |
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| | 10,77,000 |

1979-80

I.T.D.C.

1. Expansion of travellers Lodge at Bhubaneswar in to a hotel.	23,33,000
2. Transport Unit at Bhubaneswar.	4,65,000

	27,98,000

1980-81

I.T.D.C.

1. Hotel Kalinga Ashok Bhubaneswar	5,00,000 (anticipated)
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1981-82

Department of Tourism

1. Preparation of Master Plans of Lalitgiri, Udaigiri, Ratnagiri.	1,60,000

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1982-83

Department of Tourism

1. Preparation of Master Plan of Lalitgiri, Udaigiri, Ratnagiri.	1,60,000

	1,60,000

SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK: Orissa has all the attractions for the tourists. That is why I have asked this question. Please see parts (b) and (c) of the question. The Minister has replied that so many schemes have been included for the Golden Triangle; but when you go through it, you will see that most of the schemes are only in the preliminary stage there. No work has commenced, except a very few. Even about the sanction, they have said that it is being sanctioned, and that commencement is being done. They have said all this in reply.

About sanction, they have also said that for the Lion Safari Park in Nandan Kanan, only Rs. 17.73 lakhs have been released. Like that, also for the extension of Hotel Kalinga Ashok, only Rs. 12 lakhs have been released—whose estimated cost is Rs. 100 lakhs. May

I know from the hon. Minister what is the actual amount? For the 6th Plan, you have already included the schemes. What is the total amount you have allocated?

Now about the second of the question; in view of this slow progress, will the amount which has been allocated remain un-utilized? What has been the amount which remained unutilized in 1980-81 and 1981-82?

Moreover, how far will the Government of India and ITDC.....

MR. SPEAKER: Don't go on cataloguing.

अध्यक्ष महोदय : उतना ही लम्बा मास्वर देने की जरूरत नहीं है ।

PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE : That is sufficient to confuse the Minister.

SHRI KHURSHEED ALAM KHAN : I would like to assure the lady Member that for Orissa, whatever has been promised, we have actually done. The hon. Member just mentioned that we released only Rs. 17.5 lakhs for this Lion Safari. Out of the total project of Rs. 25 lakhs, we have agreed to provide an amount of Rs. 20 lakhs; and Rs. 5 lakhs have to be provided by the State Government. Out of Rs. 20 lakhs, we have already released Rs. 17.5 lakhs. As soon as they ask for the remaining Rs. 2.5 lakhs or Rs. 3 lakhs, we would certainly provide it.

As far as Hotel Kalinga is concerned, we are already adding 38 rooms. Whatever amount has been allocated—it will be about Rs. 1 crore—it will be utilized for the expansion of this hotel.

Apart from this, as far as publicity is concerned, we have given due publicity to Orissa in all respects. There are a number of folders; if the hon. Member wants, I would certainly give the names of those folders, as well as the names of films which include Orissa also in the eastern region.

These are some of the things which we have done. Not only this. We are also encouraging.....

SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK : What is the total amount of allocation for the 6th Plan?

SHRI KHURSHEED ALAM KHAN : There is no total or special allocation for any particular State. This depends on the various schemes that are received; and accordingly, we allocate the amounts.

SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK : But in respect of Simli Pal, about Rs. 50 lakhs are lying, but no work has commenced. That is why I thought of asking about the total amounts being allocated.

SHRI KHURSHEED ALAM KHAN : As I said, we have also this plan of building a forest lodge at Simli Pal; and for that, we have allocated Rs. 46 lakhs; and this will be utilized as soon as the formalities are completed.

SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK: My second supplementary is this. I have not asked it so far: What has been the growth of international tourist traffic to the Golden Triangle during the last three years? What steps have been taken to include the Golden Triangle in Orissa in the travel circuits and among Indian and international travel agents?

SHRI KHURSHEED ALAM KHAN: The tourist statistics, particularly of foreign tourists, are not maintained State-wise. Only total statistics have been kept. So, we cannot give any State-wise-statistics. As far as the three places are concerned, they are included in the travel circuits which have been proposed by the State Government. In consultation with the State Government, they have been approved.

SHRI BRAJAMOHAN MOHANTY: Unfortunately, opportunity my problem is that the golden triangle is in my constituency. All our efforts to protect Konark are being overtaken by the process of deterioration. I do not know for how many years it will stand and for how many years, we will be able to protect it. I bring it to the notice of the House. Whether the hon. Minister will answer it or not is another matter. He may take the plea that it is not within the purview of the Department. But the fact remains that we have failed to protect Konark Temple, so far as Puri is concerned, you yourself have seen it.

MR. SPEAKER: As an ex-Minister, you know what the answer should be.

SHRI BRAJAMOHAN MOHANTY: You have seen the Puri Temple. The repair work is very very slow.

MR. SPEAKER: You put the question to the proper authority.

SHRI BRAJAMOHAN MOHANTY; The people are interested to visit Konark. The people are interested to visit Chilka Lake. The people are interested to visit Puri, but they do not find accommodation the hon. Minister should enlighten what is the accommodation provided for the tourists. Is it a fact that tourists are not encouraged to visit these places because the accommodation is not available?

PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE: He wants to know whether Konark will survive the government.

SHRI KHURSHEED ALAM KHAN: I wish it will. As far as accommodation is concerned, the moment, there is a tourist bungalow; there is a traveller lodge at Konark. Then there are rest house and tourist bureau. Then there are hotels Kalinga and Ashoka. Then there is a transport unit at Bhubaneswar. Then there are tourist bureau, tourist bunglaow, youth hostel at Puri and Chilka Lake, tourist bungalow at Ramba. Then a motor launch has been given to Chilka Lake. About 900 rooms will be available shortly both from the government hotels private hotels and state see for, because three private hotels chains have shown interest in it Oberoi, Maurya and Taj groups.

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श्रीमती गुरबिंदर कौर द्वार : स्पीकर साहब, श्रीमती पटनायक के सवाल का जो जवाब माननीय मन्त्री जी ने दिया है उसमें उन्होंने बताया है कि मास्टर प्लान का एप्रूवल हो गया है। मैं सिर्फ इतना कहना चाहती हूँ कि झालरेडी हम लोग बहुत पीछे हैं, बहुत पहले से ही यह सारी चीजें वहाँ पर होनी चाहिए थीं। वहाँ पर जो टूरिस्ट जाते हैं उनके लिए पूरी फैसिलिटीज नहीं है। मैं यह जानना चाहती हूँ कि जो प्लान्स सैगेशन हुए हैं उनके सिलसिले में आप कोई ज्वाइंट मीटिंग हाई आफिशियल लेवल, मिनिस्टीरियल लेवल पर करेंगे जिससे कि पता लगे कि कितनी देर में उनका इंप्ली-मेंटेशन हो सकेगा और कितनी जल्दी से जल्दी उड़ीसा टूरिस्ट मैप पर आ जायेगा ?

इसके साथ-साथ मैं यह भी जानना चाहूंगी कि बाहर के टूरिस्ट्स के लिए उनके खाने के मुताबिक क्या वहाँ पर छोटे-छोटे रेस्टारेन्ट्स खोले जायेंगे ?

श्री खुर्शीद आलम खां : मान्यवर, जैसा मैंने पहले बताया है वहाँ पर काफी होटल हैं इसलिए छंटे-छोटे रेस्टारेन्ट खोलने का सवाल नहीं है। वहाँ पर काफी होटल ठहरने के लिए मौजूद हैं और रेस्टारेन्ट भी काफी हैं।

दूसरी बात यह है कि स्टेट गवर्नमेंट का जहाँ तक ताल्लुक है, उनसे बराबर बातचीत होती रहती है और प्रोग्रेस की जांच की जाती है। हमारी और स्टेट गवर्नमेंट, दोनों की स्वाहिश है कि जो भी प्रोजेक्ट है वह जल्दी से जल्दी पूरे हो जाये क्योंकि अगर जल्दी पूरे नहीं होंगे तो उनकी कास्ट बढ़ती चली जायेगी।

Implementation of Neora Khola Project

*913A. SHRI ANANDA PATHAK : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have decided to lift the objection for the implementation of Neora Khola Project for alleviating the hardship being experienced by civilians as

well as Military population due to acute shortage of drinking water in and around Kalimpong town in the district of Darjeeling ;

(b) if so, when the scheme would be given clearance ; and

(c) whether Government have also decided to share the cost of the project ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI R. VENKATARAMAN) : (a) to (c).

The Neora Khola Water Supply Project is under examination, especially from the point of view of its environmental impact and technical feasibility *vis-a-vis* an alternative water supply scheme from the Teesta river. The question of sharing the cost will arise after a decision on this issue is taken.

SHRI ANANDA PATHAK : I am not satisfied with the reply of the Minister. The problem is very serious. People are suffering for want of drinking water. There are long queues before the water hydrants. The requirement is of about eight lakh gallons per day, but there is only about 4 lakh gallons available. The project was prepared by the civil authorities, in consultation with the military engineers, who had examined the feasibility of this project. The Chief Minister of West Bengal has repeatedly taken up this matter with the Central Government to give clearance to this Project, but it has not come up. It is mentioned that the Government is examining the matter. How much time will it take for the Government to complete this project ?

SHRI R. VENKATARAMAN : I think the hon. Member knows the difference of opinion between the West Bengal Government and the Army on the one side and Department of Environment on the other. So far as the Neora Khola Project is concerned. The Department of Environment is of view that it will affect the ecology of that area and therefore it should not be proceeded with. The other scheme, the Teesta River scheme is costly according to the West Bengal Government. Therefore, this aspect has to be kept in mind. It is not a question of delay but it is a basic question.

SHRI ANANDA PATHAK : The