

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2138
ANSWERED ON 08.03.2021**

DEVELOPMENT OF DEOMALI HILLS

2138. SHRI SAPTAGIRI SANKAR ULAKA:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the State Government has submitted any project for Development in Koraput and Rayagada Districts to the Ministry of Tourism;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof on the current status and;**
- (c) whether the Central Government has surveyed potential tourist sites like Deomali Hills in Koraput on its own and plans to develop the same; and**
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
(SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL)**

(a) to (d): Development of Tourism is primarily the responsibility of the State Government. However, the Ministry of Tourism under schemes of Swadesh Darshan and PRASHAD provides financial assistance to State Governments/Union Territory (UT) Administrations/Central Agencies for development of tourism infrastructure in the country. Sanctioning of infrastructure projects is a continuous process. The projects under Swadesh Darshan and PRASHAD schemes are identified for development in consultation with the State Governments/UT Administrations and are sanctioned subject to availability of funds, submission of suitable detailed project reports, adherence to scheme guidelines and utilization of funds released earlier. There is no proposal under consideration for Development of Koraput and Rayagada under the above mentioned schemes.
