

the Special Mention made by the hon. Member, Dr. Anil Sukhdeorao Bonde: Shri Dhananjay Bhimrao Mahadik (Maharashtra), Shri P. Wilson (Tamil Nadu), Shri M. Mohamed Abdulla (Tamil Nadu), Dr. Sasmit Patra (Odisha), Dr. John Brittas (Kerala) and Dr. Kanimozhi NVN Somu (Tamil Nadu).

**Demand for Tribal Circuit for Western Odisha under Swadesh Darshan Scheme  
(Kalahandi - Rayagada - Koraput — Kandhamal)**

SHRI SUJEET KUMAR (Odisha): Sir, Odisha has the third highest concentration of tribals in India. The tribes have highly developed artistic skills, which are evident in their body paintings, ornaments, weaving, and wall paintings. The Swadesh Darshan Scheme underlines the possibility of a huge potential for better livelihood opportunities and improved quality of life of the tribals. Spread across districts, waterfalls, temples and wildlife sanctuaries adorn the state. The Majhighariani Temple in Rayagada; Gupteshwar Temple in Koraput as well as the city of Jeypore which is the commercial centre of the district; Dokaridara, Gudahandi Caves and Phurlijharan Waterfall in Kalahandi; and Mandasaru Gorge are some notable tourist attractions that can form a successful tribal circuit. The tribes in these areas face various development challenges and have extremely low annual incomes while working in the unorganized sector. The establishment of a tribal circuit under the Swadesh Darshan Scheme would enhance the livelihood of the people around these tourist sites by generating local employment opportunities. This provision would also improve tourist infrastructure, including transportation facilities between districts. An influx of tourists would enable local artists to share their culture and heritage with a wider audience, greatly expanding their reach. Sir, I urge the Central government to enhance the implementation of this provision under the Swadesh Darshan Scheme. This will aid in the development of the area, promote tourism, and bring socio-economic benefits to the State.

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