

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.†1407
ANSWERED ON 01.07.2019**

SCHEMES FOR ECO-TOURISM

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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal/sanctioned projects to promote Eco-Tourism in the country and if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise;**
- (b) the details of the status of projects and the steps taken by the Government in various States/UTs to promote eco-tourism including Madhya Pradesh, Delhi/NCR, Uttar Pradesh and North-Eastern States;**
- (c) whether the Government has any scheme for training in the area of ecotourism to make it popular and made any special efforts for development of Human Resources in the far flung, hilly and backward areas of the country;**
- (d) the Central financial assistance released to various States/UTs during the last three years along with the details of funds actually spent in this regard, State/UT-wise and year-wise;**
- (e) whether the Government has received proposals from various State Governments for development and promotion of eco-tourism and if so, the details thereof and the status of such proposals along with the employment and revenue generated therefrom during the last three years; and**

- (f) whether the Government is considering to provide forest land to start more projects to increase places of tourist interest in hilly areas of the country and if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

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

(a) to (f): Ministry of Tourism has identified Eco circuit as one of the fifteen thematic circuits for development under the Swadesh Darshan Scheme.

The projects under the scheme 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. Submission of project proposals by the State Governments and its sanctioning is a continuous process. As per scheme guidelines, the State Governments are required to submit the details of expected employment generation for the projects at the time of sanctioning. The projects under the scheme are at various stages of implementation/completion and details of employment generated can only be calculated after its completion and operationalisation. The projects once complete are expected to enhance tourist experience and increase tourist footfalls which in turn would help to augment revenue and jobs in tourism sector.

The details of projects sanctioned under the scheme including Eco Circuit and expenditure incurred are annexed.

Ministry conducts Awareness/Sensitization programmes for existing service providers in Tourism and Hospitality sector under its scheme of Capacity Building for Service Providers with the objective to improve tourist specific service standards in the country including hilly and backward areas. Training of Naturalists and eco-guides are covered as one of the field under this programme.

For Promotion of Tourism, the Ministry undertakes several promotional activities in the domestic and international markets for promotion of the varied tourism products and destinations of the country including Eco tourism. As part of its marketing/ promotional activities, the Ministry produces publicity material and collaterals in English and foreign languages, annually releases print, electronic and online media campaigns in important and potential markets overseas and within the country under the 'Incredible India' brand-line. Promotions are also undertaken through the website and Social Media accounts of the Ministry.

The project under the scheme are sanctioned only after submission of undertaking by the State Government on the availability of land.

ANNEXURE**STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.†1407 ANSWERED ON 01.07.2019 REGARDING SCHEMES FOR ECO-TOURISM.****THE DETAILS OF PROJECTS SANCTIONED UNDER THE SWADESH DARSHAN SCHEME INCLUDING ECO CIRCUIT AND EXPENDITURE INCURRED****(Rs. in crore)**

Sl. No.	State/UT	Name of the Circuit	Name of the Project	Amt. Sanctioned	Amount released
Year 2014-15					
1.	Arunachal Pradesh	North-East Circuit	Development of Mega Circuit at Bhalukpong-Bomdila and Tawang in Arunachal Pradesh.	49.77	39.81
2.	Andhra Pradesh	Coastal Circuit	Development of Kakinada Hope Island Konaseema as World Class Coastal & Eco Tourism Circuit in Andhra Pradesh	67.84	64.44
Total of 2014-15				117.61	104.25
Year 2015-16					
3.	Manipur	North-East Circuit	Development of Tourist Circuit in Manipur: Imphal-Khongjom	72.23	61.32
4.	Sikkim	North-East Circuit	Development of Tourist Circuit linking Rangpo (entry) – Rorathang- Aritar- Phadamchen- Nathang- Sherathang- Tsongmo- Gangtok- Phodong- Mangan- Lachung- Yumthang- Lachen-	98.05	78.44

			Thangu-Gurudongmer-Mangan- Gangtok-TuminLingee-Singtam (exit) in Sikkim.		
5.	Uttarakhand	Eco Circuit	Integrated Development of Eco-Tourism, Adventure Sports, Associated Tourism related Infrastructure for Development of Tehri Lake & Surroundings as New Destination-District Tehri, Uttarakhand.	70.92	64.30
6.	Rajasthan	Desert Circuit	Development of Sambhar Lake Town and Other Destinations in Rajasthan under Desert Circuit.	63.96	51.17
7.	Nagaland	Tribal Circuit	Development of Tribal Circuit Peren- Kohima-Wokha, Nagaland	97.36	77.89
8.	Madhya Pradesh	Wildlife Circuit	Development of Wildlife Circuit at Panna- Mukundpur-Sanjay- Dubri-Bandhavgarh-Kanha- Mukki-Pench in Madhya Pradesh.	92.22	73.78
9.	Andhra Pradesh	Coastal Circuit	Development of Coastal Tourism Circuit in Sri Potti Sriramalu Nellore under Swadesh Darshan Scheme in Andhra Pradesh.	59.70	47.76

10.	Telangana	Eco Circuit	Integrated Development of Eco Tourism Circuit in Mahaboobnagar district, Telangana.	91.62	73.30
11.	Kerala	Eco Circuit	Development of Pathanamthitta-Gavi- Vagamon-Thekkady as Eco Tourism Circuit in Idduki and Pathanamthitta Districts in Kerala.	76.55	61.24
12.	Mizoram	North East Circuit	Integrated Development of New Eco Tourism under Swadesh Darshan-North East Circuit at Thenzawl & South Zote, District Serchhip and Reiek, Mizoram.	94.91	75.92
13.	Assam	Wildlife Circuit	Development of Manas- Probitora-Nameri- Kaziranga- Dibru-Saikhowa as Wildlife Circuit in Assam.	95.67	76.54
14.	Puducherry	Coastal Circuit	Development of Union Territory of Puducherry as Tourist Circuit under Swadesh Darshan Scheme (Coastal Circuit)	85.28	61.82
15.	Arunachal Pradesh	North East Circuit	Integrated Development of New Adventure Tourism in Arunachal Pradesh	97.14	77.71
16.	Tripura	North East	Development of	99.59	74.15

		Circuit	North East Circuit : Agartala - Sipahijala - Melaghar - Udaipur - Amarpur- Tirthamukh- Mandirghat- Dumboor- Narikel Kunja- Gandachara- Ambassa in Tripura		
17.	West Bengal	Coastal Circuit	Development of Beach Circuit: Udaipur- Digha- Shankarpur- Tajpur- Mandarmani- Fraserganj- Bakkhlai- Henry Island in West Bengal	85.39	61.96
18.	Chhattisgarh	Tribal Circuit	Development of Tribal Tourism Circuit in Jashpur- Kunkuri- Mainpat- Ambikapur- Maheshpur - Ratanpur- Kurdar- Sarodadadar- Gangrel- Kondagaon- Nathiya Nawagaon- Jagdulpur- Chitrakoot- Tirthgarh in Chhattisgarh.	99.21	73.29
19.	Maharashtra	Coastal Circuit	Development of Sindhudurg Coastal Circuit in Maharashtra under Swadesh Darshan Scheme.	82.17	12.79
Total of 2015-16				1461.97	1103.38
Year 2016-17					

20.	Goa	Coastal Circuit	Development of Coastal Circuit (Singerim-Baga, Anjuna-Vagator, Morjim-Keri, Aguada Fort and Aguada Jail) in Goa.	99.99	79.99
21.	Jammu & Kashmir	Himalayan Circuit	Integrated Development of Tourism Infrastructure Projects in the State of Jammu and Kashmir.	82.97	41.48
22.	Telangana	Tribal Circuit	Integrated Development of Mulugu-Laknavaram-Medavaram-Tadvai-Damaravi-Mallur-Bogatha Waterfalls as Tribal Circuit in Telangana.	83.88	65.27
23.	Meghalaya	North East Circuit	Development of Umium (Lake View), U Lum Sohpetbneng-Mawdiangdiang - Orchid Lake Resort, Meghalaya.	99.13	79.31
24.	Madhya Pradesh	Buddhist Circuit	Development of Buddhist Circuit in Sanchi-Satna-Rewa-Mandsaur-Dhar in Madhya Pradesh.	74.94	54.51
25.	Kerala	Spiritual Circuit	Development of Sabarimala - Erumeli-Pampa-Sannidhanam as a Spiritual Circuit in District	99.99	20.00

			Pathanamthitta, Kerala.		
26.	Manipur	Spiritual Circuit	Development of Spiritual Circuit – Shri Govindajee Temple, Shri Bijoy Govindajee Temple – Shri Gopinath Temple – Shri Bungshibodon Temple – Shri Kaina Temple, Manipur.	53.80	40.14
27.	Gujarat	Heritage Circuit	Development of Heritage Circuit in Ahmedabad- Rajkot- Porbandar –Bardoli- Dandi in Gujarat.	85.01	42.13
28.	Haryana	Krishna Circuit	Development of Tourism Infrastructures at places related to Mahabharata in Kurukshetra, Haryana.	97.35	70.60
29.	Rajasthan	Krishna Circuit	Integrated Development of Govind Dev ji temple (Jaipur), Khatu Shyam Ji (Sikar) and Nathdwara (Rajsamand) in Rajasthan.	91.45	45.72
30.	Sikkim	North East circuit	Development of Tourist Circuit Linking Singtam–Maka– Temi– Bermoik Tokel–Phongia- Namchi – Jorthang- Okharey- Sombaria- Daramdin-	95.32	73.22

			Jorethang- Melli (Exit) in Sikkim.		
31.	Madhya Pradesh	Heritage circuit	Development of Heritage Circuit (Gwalior – Orchha – Khajuraho – Chanderi – Bhimbetka – Mandu) Madhya Pradesh	92.97	57.06
32.	Kerala	Spiritual Circuit	Development of Sree Padmanabha Arnamula-Sabrimala-as a Spiritual Circuit in Kerala	92.22	72.42
33.	Bihar	Tirthankar circuit	Development of Tirthankar Circuit: Vaishali- Arrah- Masad- Patna- Rajgir- Pawapuri- Champapuri in Bihar.	52.39	26.19
34.	Bihar	Spiritual circuit	Integrated Development of Kanwaria Route: Sultanganj – Dharmshala- Deoghar under Spiritual circuit in Bihar.	52.35	26.17
35.	Odisha	Coastal circuit	Development of Gopalpur, Barkul, Satapada and Tampara as Coastal circuit in Odisha.	76.49	37.61
36.	Nagaland	Tribal circuit	Development of Tribal circuit (Mokokchung– Tuensang-Mon) in Nagaland	99.67	78.09
37.	Uttarakhand	Heritage circuit	Integrated Development of	79.13	40.97

			Heritage Circuit in Kumaon Region – Katarmal – Jogeshwar-Baijnath-Devidhura in Uttarakhand.		
38.	Jammu & Kashmir	Himalayan Circuit	Integrated Development of Tourist Facilities at Jammu-Rajouri-Shopian-Pulwama under Himalayan Circuit theme in J&K.	96.38	48.19
39.	Jammu & Kashmir	Himalayan Circuit	Integrated Development of Tourist Facilities under the Construction of Assets in lieu of those Destroyed in Floods in 2014 under PM Development Package for J&K	90.96	74.70
40.	Jammu & Kashmir	Himalayan Circuit	Integrated Development of Tourist facilities at Mantalai-Sudhmahadev-Patnitop under Himalayan Circuit Theme in J&K.	97.82	44.52
41.	Jammu & Kashmir	Himalayan Circuit	Integrated Development of Tourist Facilities at Anantnag-Kishtwar-Pahalgam – Daksum – Ranjit Sagar Dam under Himalayan Circuit Theme in J&K.	96.39	48.19
42.	Jammu &	Himalayan	Integrated	96.93	45.51

	Kashmir	Circuit	Development of Tourist Facilities at Gulmarg-Baramulla-Kupwara-Leh Circuit under Himalayan Circuit Theme in J&K.		
43.	Uttar Pradesh	Buddhist Circuit	Development of Buddhist Circuit – Sravasti, Kushinagar, & Kapilvastu in Uttar Pradesh.	99.97	45.03
44.	Uttar Pradesh	Ramayana Circuit	Development of Chitrakoot and Shringverpur as Ramayana Circuit in Uttar Pradesh	69.45	52.17
45.	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	Coastal Circuit	Development of Coastal Circuit (Long Island-Ross Smith Island- Neil Island- Havelock Island- Baratang Island-Port Blair) in Andaman & Nicobar under Coastal thematic circuit of Swadesh Darshan Scheme.	42.19	8.44
46.	Tamil Nadu	Coastal Circuit	Development of Coastal Circuit (Chennai- Mamamallapuram – Rameshwaram – Manpadu – Kanyakumari) in Tamil Nadu under Swadesh Darshan Scheme	99.92	49.96
47.	Uttar Pradesh	Spiritual Circuit	Development of Spiritual Circuit (Shahjahanpur-	68.39	54.71

			Basti- Ahar- Aligarh-Kasgunj- Sarosi-Pratapgarh- Unnao-Kaushambi- Mirzapur-Gorakpur- Kairana- Doamriyagunj- Bagpat-Barabanki- Azamgarh)		
48.	Uttar Pradesh	Spiritual Circuit	Development of Spiritual Circuit – II(Bijnor- Meerut- Kanpur- Kanpur Dehat- Banda- Ghazipur- Salempur- Ghosi- Balia- Ambedkar Nagar- Aligarh- Fatehpur- Deoria- Mahoba- Sonbhadra- Chandauli- Mishrikh- Bhadohi) in Uttar Pradesh under Swadesh Darshan Scheme	63.77	50.33
49.	Uttar Pradesh	Heritage Circuit	Development of Heritage Circuit(Kalinjar Fort (Banda)- MarharDham (SantKabir Nagar)- ChauriChaura, Shaheed Sthal (Fatehpur)- Mavahar Sthal (Ghosi)- Shaheed Smarak (Meerut) in Uttar Pradesh under Swadesh Darshan Scheme	34.82	18.76
50.	Bihar	Buddhist Circuit	Development of Buddhist circuit- Construction of	98.73	19.75

			Convention Centre at Bodhgaya, Bihar		
51.	Assam	Heritage Circuit	Development of Tezpur – Majuli – Sibsagar as Heritage Circuit in Assam under Swadesh Darshan scheme	98.35	19.67
52.	Himachal Pradesh	Himalayan Circuit	Integrated Development of Himalayan Circuit: Kiarighat, Shimla, Hatkoti, Manali, Kangra, Dharamshala, Bir, Palampur, Chamba	86.85	19.95
53.	Mizoram	Eco Circuit	Development of Eco-Adventure Circuit Aizawl - Rawpuichhip - Khawhphawp - Lengpui - Durtlang - Chatlang-Sakawrhmutuaitlang - Muthee - Beratlawng - Tuirial Airfield - Hmuifang under Eco circuit theme of Swadesh Darshan Scheme	99.07	49.53
54.	Rajasthan	Spiritual Circuit	Development of Spiritual Circuit- Churu (Salasar Balaji)- Jaipur (Shri Samode Balaji, Ghat ke Balaji, Bandhe ke Balaji)- Alwar (Pandupole Hanumanji, Bharathari)- Viratnagar (Bijak, Jainnasiya, Ambika	93.90	46.95

			Temple)- Bharatpur (Kaman Region)- Dholpur (Muchkund) – MehandipurBalaji- Chittorgarh (Sanwaliyaji) in Rajasthan under Swadesh Darshan scheme		
55.	Gujarat	Heritage Circuit	Development of Heritage circuit: Vadnagar- Modhera and Patan in Gujarat under Swadesh Darshan Scheme	98.61	79.85
Total of 2016-17				3041.55	1727.09
Year 2017-18					
56.	Bihar	Rural Circuit	Development of Gandhi Circuit: Bhitiharwa- Chandrahia- Turkaulia in Bihar under Rural Circuit theme of Swadesh Darshan Scheme	44.65	21.24
57.	Goa	Coastal Circuit	Development of Coastal Circuit II: Rua De Orum Creek - Don Paula -Colva - Benaulim in Goa under Swadesh Darshan Scheme	99.35	19.87
58.	Gujarat	Buddhist circuit	Development of Buddhist circuit: Junagadh- Gir Somnath- Bharuch- Kutch- Bhavnagar- Rajkot- Mehsana in Gujarat under Swadesh Darshan scheme	35.99	7.20
59.	Puducherry	Heritage	Development of	66.35	13.27

		Circuit	Heritage Circuit in Puducherry under Swadesh Darshan Scheme.		
60.	Puducherry	Spiritual Circuit	Development of Spiritual Circuit in Puducherry under Swadesh Darshan Scheme	40.68	19.26
61.	Rajasthan	Heritage Circuit	Development of Heritage Circuit (Rajsamand (Kumbhalgarh Fort)- Jaipur (Nahargarh Fort)- Alwar (BalaQuila)- Sawai Madhopur (Ranthambore Fort and Khandar Fort)- Jhalawar (Gagron Fort)- Chittorgarh (Chittorgarh Fort) Jaisalmer (JaisalmerFort) Hanumangarh (Kalibangan, Bhatner Fort and Gogamedi)- Jalore (Jalore Fort)- Udaipur (Pratap Gaurav Kendra)- Dholpur (Bagh-i- Nilofar and Purani Chawni)- Nagaur(Meera Bai Smarak) in Rajasthan under Swadesh Darshan Scheme.	99.60	49.80
62.	Telangana	Heritage Circuit	Development of Heritage Circuit: Qutub Shahi Heritage Park- Paigah Tombs-	99.42	44.83

			Hayat Bakshi Mosque-Raymond's Tomb in Telangana under Swadesh Darshan Scheme		
63.	Bihar	Spiritual Circuit	Development of Mandar Hill & Ang Pradesh under Spiritual Circuit theme of Swadesh Darshan Scheme.	53.49	10.70
64.	Madhya Pradesh	Eco Circuit	Development of Gandhisagar Dam-Mandleshwar Dam-Omkareshwar Dam-Indira Sagar Dam-Tawa Dam- Bargi Dam- Bheda Ghat-Bansagar Dam-Ken River under Eco circuit theme of Swadesh Darshan Scheme	99.62	73.56
65.	Uttar Pradesh	Ramayana Circuit	Development of Ayodhya under Ramayana Circuit theme of Swadesh Darshan Scheme	133.31	66.65
66.	Andhra Pradesh	Buddhist Circuit	Development of Buddhist Circuit: Shalihundam-Thotlakonda-Bavikonda-Bojjanakonda-Amravati- Anupu in Andhra Pradesh under the theme of Buddhist Circuit of Swadesh Darshan Scheme	52.34	10.47
Total of 2017-18				824.8	336.85
Year 2018-19					
67.	Maharashtra	Spiritual	Development of	54.01	0.00

		Circuit	Waki- Adasa- Dhapewada- Paradsingha- Chota Taj Bagh- Telankhandi- Girad in Maharashtra		
68.	--	Development of Wayside Amenities (Sub-Scheme)	Development of Wayside Amenities in Uttar Pradesh and Bihar at Varanasi-Gaya; Lucknow-Ayodhya-Lucknow; Gorakhpur-Kushinagar; Kushinagar-Gaya-Kushinaga in collaboration with MoRTH	19.75	0.00
69.	Uttar Pradesh	Spiritual Circuit	Development of Jewar-Dadri-Sikandrabad-Noida-Khurja-Banda in Uttar Pradesh	14.52	0.00
70.	Jharkhand	Eco Circuit	Development of Eco Circuit: Dalma-Chandil- Getalsud-Betla national park- Mirchaiya-Netarhat in Jharkhand	52.72	0.00
71.	Tripura	North East circuit	Development of North East circuit: Surma Cherra-Unakoti- Jampui Hills- Gunabati-Bhunaneshwari-Matabari-Neermahal-Boxanagar- Chotta khola- Pilak-Avangchaarra in Tripura	65.00	0.00
72.	Punjab	Heritage	Development of	99.95	0.00

		Circuit	Heritage Circuit: Anandpur Sahib – Fatehgarh Sahib – Chamkaur Sahib – Ferozpur – Amritsar – Khatkar Kalan – Kalanour - Patiala in Punjab		
73.	Kerala	Rural Circuit	Development of Rural Circuit: Malanad Malabar Cruise Tourism Project in Kerala	80.37	0.00
74.	Kerala	Spiritual Circuit	Development Sivagiri Sree Narayana Guru Ashram- Arruvipuram- Kunnumpara Sree Subrahmania- Chembazhanthi Sree Narayana Gurukulam	69.47	0.00
75.	Kerala	Spiritual Circuit	Development of Kasaragod, Wayanad, Kannur, Kozhikode, Palakkad, Mallapuram, Thrichur, Ernakulam, Idukki, Kottayam, Allaphuza, Pathananamithitta, Kollam, Trivandrum	85.23	0.00
76.	Meghalaya	North East Circuit	Development of West Khasi Hills (Nongkhlaw- Krem Tiroit - Khudoi & Kohmang Falls – Khri River- Mawthadraishan, Shillong), Jaintia Hills (Krang Suri	84.97	0.00

			Falls- Shyrmang-looksi), Garo Hills (Nokrek Reserve, Katta Beel, Siju Caves)		
77.	Uttar Pradesh	Spiritual Circuit	Development of Gorakhnath Temple (Gorakhpur), Devipattan Temple (Balrampur) and Vatvashni Temple (Domariyagunj)	21.16	0.00
			Total of 2018-19	647.15	0.00
GRAND TOTAL TILL DATE				6093.08	3271.57
