

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.†2334  
ANSWERED ON 08.07.2019**

**POLICY FOR PROMOTION FOR ECO-TOURISM AND HERITAGE  
TOURISM**

**†2334. SHRI SANJAY HARIBHAU JADHAV:**

**Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government is preparing any policy/guidelines for promotion of eco-tourism/heritage tourism in the country on its own or through Public-Private Partnership (PPP);**
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise including Himalayan and North-Eastern Region (NER) along with the names of the forests, villages/locations selected in this regard and the steps taken by the Government to promote eco-tourism in the country;**
- (c) the details of the amount of Central financial assistance allocated and spent for the promotion of eco-tourism during the last five years, State/UT-wise;**
- (d) whether the Government has received proposals from State Governments for the development and promotion of eco-tourism; and**
- (e) if so, the details thereof, State-wise along with the present status of the said proposals?**

**ANSWER**

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

**(a) to (e): Promotion and development of tourism including Eco-Tourism and Heritage Tourism is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations. However, the Ministry of Tourism has taken several initiatives to boost tourism including Eco-Tourism and Heritage Tourism in the country.**

**The 'Adopt A Heritage: Apni Dharohar, Apni Pehchaan', initiative is a collaborative effort by Ministry of Tourism, Ministry of Culture and Archaeological Survey of India (ASI), State / UTs Governments, for promotion of Heritage Tourism which envisages developing heritage sites and making them tourist friendly, to enhance tourism potential and cultural importance in a planned and phased manner. It aims to encourage public sector companies, private sector companies and corporate citizens / NGOs / individuals to take up the responsibility as a Public Private Partnership (PPP) venture. A total of 11 Memorandum of Understanding (MoUs) have been signed so far which cover Eco Tourism and Heritage Sites under this scheme.**

**In addition, the Ministry of Tourism has launched the Swadesh Darshan Scheme for the development of tourism related infrastructure and facilities in the country. Under the Swadesh Darshan Scheme, 15 themes have been identified for developing theme based circuits. These themes include Buddhist Circuit, Coastal Circuit, Desert Circuit, Eco Circuit, Heritage Circuit, Himalayan Circuit, Krishna Circuit, North-East Circuit, Ramayana Circuit, Rural Circuit, Spiritual Circuit, Sufi Circuit, Tirthankar Circuit, Tribal Circuit and Wildlife Circuit. The list of projects sanctioned under the Himalayan, Eco-Tourism, North East and Heritage themes are given at Annexure.**

**The submission of project proposals by the State Governments / UT Administrations under the Swadesh Darshan Scheme is a continuous process. The projects are sanctioned subject to availability of funds, liquidation of pending Utilisation Certificates, submission of suitable Detailed Project Report and adherence to the scheme guidelines for creating tourist infrastructure facilities for public good.**

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**ANNEXURE****STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA QUESTION NO.†2334 ANSWERED ON 08.07.2019 REGARDING POLICY FOR PROMOTION FOR ECO-TOURISM AND HERITAGE TOURISM****DETAILS OF PROJECTS OF ECO CIRCUIT, HIMALAYAN CIRCUIT, NORTH-EAST CIRCUIT AND HERITAGE CIRCUITS SANCTIONED UNDER SWADESH DARSHAN SCHEME**

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>State/UT</b>	<b>Name of the Circuit</b>	<b>Name of the Project</b>	<b>Amount Sanctioned (Rs. in Crore)</b>
<b>Year 2014-15</b>				
<b>1.</b>	<b>Arunachal Pradesh</b>	<b>North-East Circuit</b>	<b>Development of Mega Circuit at Bhalukpong-Bomdila and Tawang in Arunachal Pradesh.</b>	<b>49.77</b>
<b>Year 2015-16</b>				
<b>2.</b>	<b>Manipur</b>	<b>North-East Circuit</b>	<b>Development of Tourist Circuit in Manipur: Imphal- Khongjom</b>	<b>72.23</b>
<b>3.</b>	<b>Sikkim</b>	<b>North-East Circuit</b>	<b>Development of Tourist Circuit linking Rangpo (entry) – Rorathang-Aritar- Phadamchen-Nathang-Sherathang-Tsongmo- Gangtok-Phodong- Mangan-Lachung-Yumthang-Lachen- Thangu-Gurudongmer- Mangan-Gangtok-TuminLingee-Singtam (exit) in Sikkim.</b>	<b>98.05</b>
<b>4.</b>	<b>Uttarakhand</b>	<b>Eco Circuit</b>	<b>Integrated Development of Eco-Tourism, Adventure Sports, Associated Tourism related Infrastructure for Development of Tehri Lake &amp; Surroundings as New Destination-District</b>	<b>70.92</b>

			<b>Tehri, Uttarakhand.</b>	
<b>5.</b>	<b>Telangana</b>	<b>Eco Circuit</b>	<b>Integrated Development of Eco Tourism Circuit in Mahaboobnagar district, Telangana.</b>	<b>91.62</b>
<b>6.</b>	<b>Kerala</b>	<b>Eco Circuit</b>	<b>Development of Pathanamthitta- Gavi-Vagamon- Thekkady as Eco Tourism Circuit in Idduki and Pathanamthitta Districts in Kerala.</b>	<b>76.55</b>
<b>7.</b>	<b>Mizoram</b>	<b>North East Circuit</b>	<b>Integrated Development of New Eco Tourism under Swadesh Darshan-North East Circuit at Thenzawl &amp; South Zote, District Serchhip and Reiek, Mizoram.</b>	<b>94.91</b>
<b>8.</b>	<b>Arunachal Pradesh</b>	<b>North East Circuit</b>	<b>Integrated Development of New Adventure Tourism in Arunachal Pradesh</b>	<b>97.14</b>
<b>9.</b>	<b>Tripura</b>	<b>North East Circuit</b>	<b>Development of North East Circuit : Agartala - Sipahijala - Melaghar - Udaipur - Amarpur-Tirthamukh- Mandirghat- Dumboor- Narikel Kunja- Gandachara- Ambassa in Tripura</b>	<b>99.59</b>
<b>Year 2016-17</b>				
<b>10.</b>	<b>Jammu &amp; Kashmir</b>	<b>Himalayan Circuit</b>	<b>Integrated Development of Tourism Infrastructure Projects in the State of Jammu and Kashmir.</b>	<b>82.97</b>
<b>11.</b>	<b>Meghalaya</b>	<b>North East Circuit</b>	<b>Development of Umium (Lake View), U Lum Sohpetbneng- Mawdiangdiang – Orchid Lake Resort, Meghalaya.</b>	<b>99.13</b>

<b>12.</b>	<b>Gujarat</b>	<b>Heritage Circuit</b>	<b>Development of Heritage Circuit in Ahmedabad- Rajkot- Porbandar –Bardoli- Dandi in Gujarat.</b>	<b>85.01</b>
<b>13.</b>	<b>Sikkim</b>	<b>North East circuit</b>	<b>Development of Tourist Circuit Linking Singtam– Maka- Temi-Bermoik Tokel- Phongia- Namchi –Jorthang- Okharey- Sombaria-Daramdin- Jorethang- Melli (Exit) in Sikkim.</b>	<b>95.32</b>
<b>14.</b>	<b>Madhya Pradesh</b>	<b>Heritage circuit</b>	<b>Development of Heritage Circuit (Gwalior – Orchha – Khajuraho – Chanderi – Bhimbetka – Mandu) Madhya Pradesh</b>	<b>92.97</b>
<b>15.</b>	<b>Uttarakhand</b>	<b>Heritage circuit</b>	<b>Integrated Development of Heritage Circuit in Kumaon Region – Katarmal –Jogeshwar- Baijnath-Devidhura in Uttarakhand.</b>	<b>79.13</b>
<b>16.</b>	<b>Jammu &amp; Kashmir</b>	<b>Himalayan Circuit</b>	<b>Integrated Development of Tourist Facilities at Jammu-Rajouri-Shopian- Pulwama under Himalayan Circuit theme in J&amp;K.</b>	<b>96.38</b>
<b>17.</b>	<b>Jammu &amp; Kashmir</b>	<b>Himalayan Circuit</b>	<b>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&amp;K</b>	<b>90.96</b>
<b>18.</b>	<b>Jammu &amp; Kashmir</b>	<b>Himalayan Circuit</b>	<b>Integrated Development of Tourist facilities at Mantalai- Sudhmahadev- Patnitop under</b>	<b>97.82</b>

			<b>Himalayan Circuit Theme in J&amp;K.</b>	
<b>19.</b>	<b>Jammu &amp; Kashmir</b>	<b>Himalayan Circuit</b>	<b>Integrated Development of Tourist Facilities at Anantnag- Kishtwar- Pahalgam – Daksum – Ranjit Sagar Dam under Himalayan Circuit Theme in J&amp;K.</b>	<b>96.39</b>
<b>20.</b>	<b>Jammu &amp; Kashmir</b>	<b>Himalayan Circuit</b>	<b>Integrated Development of Tourist Facilities at Gulmarg-Baramulla- Kupwara-Leh Circuit under Himalayan Circuit Theme in J&amp;K.</b>	<b>96.93</b>
<b>21.</b>	<b>Uttar Pradesh</b>	<b>Heritage Circuit</b>	<b>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</b>	<b>34.82</b>
<b>22.</b>	<b>Assam</b>	<b>Heritage Circuit</b>	<b>Development of Tezpur – Majuli – Sibsagar as Heritage Circuit in Assam under Swadesh Darshan scheme</b>	<b>98.35</b>
<b>23.</b>	<b>Himachal Pradesh</b>	<b>Himalayan Circuit</b>	<b>Integrated Development of Himalayan Circuit: Kiarighat, Shimla, Hatkoti, Manali, Kangra, Dharamshala, Bir, Palampur, Chamba</b>	<b>86.85</b>
<b>24.</b>	<b>Mizoram</b>	<b>Eco Circuit</b>	<b>Development of Eco-Adventure Circuit Aizawl -Rawpuichhip – Khawhphawp – Lengpui – Durtlang – Chatlang-</b>	<b>99.07</b>

			<b>Sakawrhmutuaitlang - Muthee – Beratlawng - Tuirial Airfield – Hmuifang under Eco circuit theme of Swadesh Darshan Scheme</b>	
<b>25.</b>	<b>Gujarat</b>	<b>Heritage Circuit</b>	<b>Development of Heritage circuit: Vadnagar- Modhera and Patan in Gujarat under Swadesh Darshan Scheme</b>	<b>98.61</b>
<b>Year 2017-18</b>				
<b>26.</b>	<b>Puducherry</b>	<b>Heritage Circuit</b>	<b>Development of Heritage Circuit in Puducherry under Swadesh Darshan Scheme.</b>	<b>66.35</b>
<b>27.</b>	<b>Rajasthan</b>	<b>Heritage Circuit</b>	<b>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.</b>	<b>99.60</b>
<b>28.</b>	<b>Telangana</b>	<b>Heritage</b>	<b>Development of Heritage</b>	<b>99.42</b>

		<b>Circuit</b>	<b>Circuit: Qutub Shahi Heritage Park- Paigah Tombs- Hayat Bakshi Mosque- Raymond's Tomb in Telangana under Swadesh Darshan Scheme</b>	
<b>29.</b>	<b>Madhya Pradesh</b>	<b>Eco Circuit</b>	<b>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</b>	<b>99.62</b>
<b>Year 2018-19</b>				
<b>30.</b>	<b>Jharkhand</b>	<b>Eco Circuit</b>	<b>Development of Eco Circuit: Dalma- Chandil- Getalsud- Betla national park- Mirchaiya- Netarhat in Jharkhand</b>	<b>52.72</b>
<b>31.</b>	<b>Tripura</b>	<b>North East circuit</b>	<b>Development of North East circuit: Surma Cherra- Unakoti- Jampui Hills- Gunabati- Bhunaneshwari- Matabari- Neermahal- Boxanagar- Chotta khola- Pilak- Avangchaarra in Tripura</b>	<b>65.00</b>
<b>32.</b>	<b>Punjab</b>	<b>Heritage Circuit</b>	<b>Development of Heritage Circuit: Anandpur Sahib – Fatehgarh Sahib – Chamkaur Sahib – Ferozpur – Amritsar – Khatkar Kalan – Kalanour - Patiala in Punjab</b>	<b>99.95</b>
<b>33.</b>	<b>Meghalaya</b>	<b>North East</b>	<b>Development of West</b>	<b>84.97</b>



		<b>Circuit</b>	<b>Khasi Hills (Nongkhlaw-Krem Tirot - Khudoi &amp; Kohmang Falls - Khri River- Mawthadraishan, Shillong), Jaintia Hills (Krang Suri Falls-Shyrmang- looksi), Garo Hills (Nokrek Reserve, Katta Beel, Siju Caves)</b>	
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