

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3512
ANSWERED ON 15.07.2019**

WILDLIFE AND FOREST TOURISM

3512. SHRI SANJAY SETH:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any scheme has been formulated for sustainable wildlife and forest tourism in the country;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the scope of the same in various States/UTs including Jharkhand;**
- (c) whether any scheme has been put in place to involve local communities as stakeholders in the development of sustainable wildlife and forest tourism; and**
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the funds provided by the Government for promoting sustainable wildlife and forest tourism during the last three years, State/UT-wise including Jharkhand?**

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d): Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC) has prepared a 'Policy on Ecotourism in Forest and Wildlife Areas' with the main objective of adopting low impact nature tourism which ensures ecological integrity by way of engaging local communities' living in and around Protected Areas and other forest areas eventually enabling the people to earn their livelihood from Ecotourism activities.

Ministry of Tourism under its scheme of Swadesh Darshan-Integrated Development of Theme-Based Tourist Circuits has identified Wildlife and Eco Circuits among fifteen thematic circuits

for development. The above circuits cover National Parks, Wildlife Sanctuaries, Natural heritage sites and Reserves in the country.

The projects under the above scheme are identified for development in consultation with the State Governments/Union Territory 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. The details of the projects sanctioned under the Eco and Wildlife Circuits of Swadesh Darshan Scheme in various states/UTs including the State of Jharkhand is at Annexure.

The Ministry of Tourism promotes India as a holistic destination under the Incredible India brand-line. The Ministry of Tourism, as part of its on-going activities, releases print, electronic, online and outdoor media campaigns in the international and domestic markets to promote various tourism destinations and products of the country including National Parks, Wildlife Sanctuaries, Natural heritage sites and Reserves. Promotions are also undertaken through the Social Media accounts and website of the Ministry.

ANNEXURE**STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3512 ANSWERED ON 15.07.2019 REGARDING WILDLIFE AND FOREST TOURISM.****THE DETAILS OF THE PROJECTS SANCTIONED UNDER THE ECO AND WILDLIFE CIRCUIT OF SWADESH DARSHAN SCHEME****(Rs. in crore)**

S. No.	Name of State/ Sanction Year	Project Name	Amount Sanctioned
WILDLIFE CIRCUIT			
1.	Madhya Pradesh (2015-16)	Development of Wildlife Circuit at Panna-Mukundpur-Sanjay-Dubri-Bandhavgarh-Kanha-Mukki-Pench in Madhya Pradesh.	92.22
2.	Assam (2015-16)	Development of Manas – Probitora – Nameri – Kaziranga – Dibru – Saikhowa as Wildlife Circuit in Assam.	95.67
ECO CIRCUIT			
3.	Uttarakhand (2015-16)	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
4.	Telangana (2015-16)	Integrated Development of Eco Tourism Circuit in Mahaboobnagar district, Telangana.	91.62
5.	Kerala (2015-16)	Development of Pathanamthitta – Gavi – Vagamon – Thekkady as Eco Tourism Circuit in Idduki and Pathanamthitta Districts in Kerala.	76.55
6.	Mizoram (2016-17)	Development of Eco-Adventure Circuit Aizawl -Rawpuichhip – Khawhphawp – Lengpui – Durtlang –	99.07

		Chatlang- Sakawrhmutuaitlang - Muthee – Beratlawng -Tuirial Airfield – Hmuifang” in Mizoram under Eco circuit theme of Swadesh Darshan Scheme	
7.	Madhya Pradesh (2017-18)	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
8.	Jharkhand (2018-19)	Development of Eco Circuit: Dalma- Chandil- Getalsud- Betla national park- Mirchaiya- Netarhat in Jharkhand under Swadesh Darshan Scheme	52.72
