

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF TOURISM

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2556**  
ANSWERED ON 10.12.2019

**DEVELOPMENT OF ECO-TOURISM IN ODISHA**

2556. SHRIMATI SAROJINI HEMBRAM:

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

- (a) whether Government is including or planning to include more number of tourist destinations for the purpose of boosting eco-tourism and attract more tourists to generate more revenues;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether Government has any proposal to boost the eco-tourism by making development works in the Similipal Sanctuary in Odisha, if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)

(SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL)

(a) to (c): The Ministry of Tourism has launched the Swadesh Darshan Scheme for the development of tourism related infrastructure and facilities in the country. Recognizing the huge potential for the development of Eco tourism in the country, the Ministry of Tourism has identified "Eco Circuit" as one of the 15 thematic circuits under the Swadesh Darshan Scheme.

The projects under the Swadesh Darshan 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. Submission of project proposals by the State Governments and its sanctioning is a continuous process. No proposal has so far been received by the Ministry from Govt of Odisha for development of under Eco Tourism in Odisha. However the Ministry has sanctioned Development of Coastal Circuit which comprises of Gopalpur, Barkul, Satapada and Tampara in Odisha during 2016-17.

The details of projects sanctioned under the Eco Circuit theme and for Odisha under the scheme are **annexed**.

The State Government of Odisha has informed that State Forest & Environment Department has launched a five year scheme from 2016 to 2021 for development of Ecotourism of Odisha. By the end of 2019, Ecotourism facilities for night stay are functioning in different parts of Odisha which are managed by the forest dependent communities and more such facilities are being planned. Presently, 5 Ecotourism destinations are operational in Similipal (WL) Sanctuary which offer various eco friendly activities viz., Cycling, Trekking, Birding, Sports, Photography, Jungle Safari etc to the tourists visiting these destinations.

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**ANNEXURE**

**STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2556 ANSWERED ON 10.12.2019 REGARDING DEVELOPMENT OF ECO-TOURISM IN ODISHA**

**THE DETAILS OF PROJECTS SANCTIONED UNDER ECO TOURISM CIRCUIT AND FOR ODISHA UNDER THE SWADESH DARSHAN SCHEME**

<b>Sl. No</b>	<b>State / Year of Sanction</b>	<b>Project</b>
1.	Uttarakhand 2015-16	Development of Eco Circuit: Tehri Lake & Surroundings – Sirain – Koti – Chamba – New Tehri
2.	Telangana 2015-16	Development of Eco Circuit: Somasila Reservoir – Singotam Reservoir – Akka Mahadevi Caves – Kadali Yanam – Srisailam – Farahabad – Mallelateertham – Uma Maheshwari Temple in Mahaboobnagar District.
3.	Kerala 2015-16	Development of Eco Circuit: Angamoozhy – Kochandy Zone – Arnamudi – Echopara – Kochumpamba - Gavi- Vagamon-Thekkady in Idduki and Pathanamthitta Districts
4.	Odisha 2016-17	Development of Coastal Circuit: Gopalpur, Barkul, Satapada and Tampara
5.	Mizoram 2016-17	Development of Eco Circuit : Aizawl -Rawpuichhip – Khawhphawp – Lengpui – Durtlang – Chatlang- Sakawrhmuaitlang - Muthee – Beratlawng -Tuirial Airfield – Hmuifang
6.	Madhya Pradesh 2017-18	Development of Eco Circuit : Gandhisagar Dam- Mandleshwar Dam- Omkareshwar Dam- Indira Sagar Dam- Tawa Dam- Bargi Dam- Bheda Ghat- Bansagar Dam- Ken River
7.	Jharkhand 2018-19	Development of Eco Circuit : Dalma- Makulakocha – Pendrabeda - Chandil- Getalsud- Betla National Park- Mirchैया- koel River point - Netarhat

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