

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.315
ANSWERED ON 04.02.2020

DEVELOPMENT OF ECO-TOURISM IN THE COUNTRY

315. SHRI HARSHVARDHAN SINGH DUNGARPUR:

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

- (a) the amount of central financial assistance released to each State Governments/Union Territory administration for development of ecotourism during the last three years;
- (b) the details of the projects for which these funds were provided along with the funds actually spent by the State Governments/UTs on these projects; and
- (c) the further steps taken by Government for the growth of eco-tourism in the country?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c): Eco Circuit has been identified as one of the fifteen thematic circuits for development under the Swadesh Darshan Scheme. The details of projects sanctioned by the Ministry in this thematic circuit during last three years are given at the **Annexure**.

In addition to above, Ministry has taken several steps to boost Eco-tourism in the country which inter-alia include the following:

- (i) Evolved & adopted Comprehensive Sustainable Tourism Criteria for India (STCI) for three major segments of the tourism industry, namely accommodation, tour operators, Beaches, Backwaters, Lakes & Rivers sectors, applicable for the entire country.
- (ii) Guidelines for approval of Hotel Projects at the implementation stage and also for Classification/Re-classification of operational hotels under various categories mandate incorporation of various eco-friendly measures like installation of Sewage Treatment Plant, Rain water Harvesting, Waste Management System, Pollution Control and Introduction of non-Chlorofluorocarbon equipment for refrigeration and air conditioners, energy and water conservation measures.
- (iii) Promoting Eco-Tourism, inter-alia through domestic and international campaigns and also by supporting seminars, conference and events focusing on development of Eco-Tourism in the country, from time to time.

ANNEXURE

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.315 ANSWERED ON 04.02.2020 REGARDING DEVELOPMENT OF ECO-TOURISM IN THE COUNTRY.

THE DETAILS OF PROJECTS SANCTIONED UNDER ECO CIRCUIT THEME OF THE SWADESH DARSHAN SCHEME.

(Rs. in crore)

S. No.	Name of State/ Year	Project Name	Amt. Sanctioned	Amt. Released
1.	Uttarakhand (2015-16)	Development of Circuit at Tehri-Chamba- Sarain around Tehri Lake.	70.92	64.30
2.	Telangana (2015-16)	Development of Circuit in Mahaboobnagar districts (Somasila, Singotam, Kadalaivanam, Akkamahadevi, Egalanpanta, Farahabad, Uma Maheshwaram, Mallelatheertham)	91.62	73.30
3.	Kerala (2015-16)	Development of Pathanamthitta- Gavi-Vagamon- Thekkady	76.55	61.24
4.	Mizoram (2016-17)	Development of Eco-Adventure Circuit at Aizawl -Rawpuichhip - Khawhphawp - Lengpui – Durtlang -Chatlang- Sakawrhmutuaitlang - Muthee – Beratlawnng -Tuirial Airfield – Hmuifang	99.07	49.53
5.	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	99.62	79.70
6.	Jharkhand (2018-19)	Development of Dalma- Chandil- Getalsud- Betla National park- Mirchaiya- Netarhat	52.72	0.00
