

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1751
ANSWERED ON 03.08.2021

PROMOTING SUSTAINABLE TOURISM IN THE COUNTRY

1751. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE:

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

- (a) whether Government is aware that with increasing commercialization of tourist places, the adverse effects of climate change is a serious concern, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether Government aims at introducing specific regulations to limit the exploitation of tourist places and introduce specific environmental controls for the businesses;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and, if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) the details of the targets with respect to sustainable tourism and the expected revenue generation in the next ten years; and
- (e) the details of funds allocated to promote sustainable tourism, State-wise data for last five years?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF TOURISM

(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

(a) to (c): Yes, Sir. Considering the increasing commercialization of tourist places and adverse effects of climate change, the Ministry of Tourism has evolved Sustainable Tourism Criteria for India (STCI) for major segments of the tourism industry. The Criteria has been evolved after consultations with the various stakeholders.

Ministry of Tourism has recognized the immense potential of sustainable tourism in becoming a source of sustainable livelihoods and achieving the Sustainable Development Goals. Accordingly, the Ministry has formulated a draft National Strategy and Roadmap for Sustainable Tourism with focus on ecotourism. In order to make the document more comprehensive, Ministry of Tourism has invited feedback/ comments/ suggestions on the draft National Strategy and Roadmap from concerned Central Ministries, all the State Governments/ UT Administrations and industry stakeholders.

(d) & (e): The Ministry of Tourism does not maintain data on revenue generation from sustainable tourism. There is no dedicated funds allocation and targets with respect to promotion of sustainable tourism. However, Ministry of Tourism, under its Swadesh Darshan scheme, is developing theme based tourism circuits in the country. Eco Circuit is one of the fifteen thematic circuits identified for development under the scheme.

The projects for development under the scheme are identified 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.

The details of the projects sanctioned by the Ministry of Tourism under the Eco Circuit theme of Swadesh Darshan Scheme are given at Annexure.

ANNEXURE

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (d) AND (e) OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1751 ANSWERED ON 03.08.2021 REGARDING PROMOTING SUSTAINABLE TOURISM IN THE COUNTRY

List of Projects sanctioned for development under Eco Circuit theme of Swadesh Darshan Scheme of Ministry of Tourism

(in Rs. Crores)

State/Year of Sanction	Details	Amount Sanctioned
Uttarakhand (2015-16)	Development of Circuit at Tehri- Chamba- Sarain around Tehri Lake.	69.17
Telangana (2015-16)	Development of Circuit in Mahaboobnagar district (Somasila, Singotam, Kadalaivanam, Akkamahadevi, Egalanpanta, Farahabad, Uma Maheshwaram, Mallelatheertham)	91.62
Kerala (2015-16)	Development of Pathanamthitta- Gavi- Vagamon-Thekkady	76.55
Mizoram (2016-17)	Development of Eco-Adventure Circuit at Aizawl- Rawpuichhip- Khawhphawp- Lengpui- Durtlang Chatlang- Sakawrhmutuaitlang- Muthee- Beratlawng-Tuirial Airfield- Hmuifang	66.37
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.	94.61
Jharkhand (2018-19)	Development of Dalma- Chandil- Getalsud- Betla National park- Mirchaiya- Netarhat	52.72
