

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3241
ANSWERED ON 09.08.2021**

ECO-TOURISM PROJECTS IN MAHARASHTRA

3241. SHRI RANJEETSINGH HINDURAO NAIK NIMBALKAR:

SHRI P.P. CHAUDHARY:

SHRI SANGAM LAL GUPTA:

SHRIMATI APARAJITA SARANGI:

SHRI ARJUN LAL MEENA:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has introduced any measures to promote sustainable and environment friendly eco-tourism projects in Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra and Odisha;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof including any projects specific to Pali and Bhubaneswar; and**
- (c) the activities covered by the said policy and the expected environmental benefits of the same?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF TOURISM

(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

(a) to (c): Development and Promotion of Tourism, including sustainable and environment friendly eco-tourism, is primarily the responsibility of the State Government/ Union Territory Administration. The Ministry of Tourism has identified Eco Tourism as one of the Niche Tourism Products for promotion and development in the country, including Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra and Odisha, with an objective to promote India as a year round destination for ensuring repeat visit for the unique products in which India has a comparative advantage vis-à-vis competing destinations. Considering the importance of developing tourism in an ecologically sustainable manner, Ministry of Tourism has evolved Sustainable Tourism Criteria for India (STCI) for major

segments of the tourism industry, which is applicable for the entire country. The Criteria has been evolved after consultations with the various stakeholders.

In addition, the Ministry of Tourism, under its Swadesh Darshan scheme is developing thematic circuits in the country in planned and prioritized manner in order to develop tourism infrastructure at multiple destinations. Eco-tourism is one of the identified theme under Swadesh Darshan scheme.

No project under Eco theme has been sanctioned in Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra and Odisha including Pali and Bhubaneswar. However, the Ministry of Tourism has sanctioned a project “Development of Gopalpur, Barkul, Satapada and Tampara” for a total amount of Rs.70.82 crore under Coastal theme of Swadesh Darshan scheme in the State of Odisha.

The Ministry of Tourism has sanctioned 6 projects under Eco-Theme of Swadesh Darshan scheme as per the annexed details.

ANNEXURE**STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3241 ANSWERED ON 09.08.2021 REGARDING ECO-TOURISM PROJECTS IN MAHARASHTRA****THE DETAIL OF PROJECTS SANCTIONED UNDER ECO TOURISM CIRCUITS OF SWADESH DARSHAN SCHEME**

| S. No. | Name of State | Name of Circuit & Year | Project Name | Amt. Sanctioned (Rs. In Crore) |
|---------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| 1. | Uttarakhand | Eco Circuit (2015-16) | Development of Circuit at Tehri-Chamba- Sarain around Tehri Lake. | 69.17 |
| 2. | Telangana | Eco Circuit (2015-16) | Development of Circuit in Mahaboobnagar districts (Somasila, Singotam, Kadalaivanam, Akkamahadevi, Egalanpanta, Farahabad, Uma Maheshwaram, Mallelatheertham) | 91.62 |
| 3. | Kerala | Eco Circuit (2015-16) | Development of Pathanamthitta- Gavi-Vagamon- Thekkady. | 76.55 |
| 4. | Mizoram | Eco Circuit (2016-17) | Development of Eco-Adventure Circuit at Aizawl - Rawpuichhip - Khawhphawp - Lengpui - Durtlang - Chatlang- Sakawrhmutuaitlang - Muthee - Beratlawng - Tuirial Airfield - Hmuifang | 66.37 |
| 5. | Madhya Pradesh | Eco Circuit (2017-18) | Development of Gandhisagar Dam- Mandleshwar Dam- Omkareshwar Dam- Indira Sagar Dam- Tawa Dam- Bargi Dam- BhedaGhat- Bansagar Dam- Ken River | 94.61 |
| 6. | Jharkhand | Eco Circuit (2018-19) | Development of Dalma- Chandil- Getalsud- Betla National park- Mirchaiya- Netarhat | 52.72 |
