

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM

RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 58
ANSWERED ON 02.12.2021

PROMOTION OF ECO-TOURISM IN THE COUNTRY

58. SHRI IRANNA KADADI:

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

- (a) whether Government has any proposal/sanctioned projects to promote eco-tourism in the country and if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise;
- (b) the details of the status of projects and the steps taken by Government in various States/UTs to promote eco-tourism including Karnataka;
- (c) the Central Financial Assistance released to various States/UTs during the last three years along with the details of funds spent in this regard, State/UT and year-wise; and
- (d) whether Government has received proposals from various State Governments for development and promotion of eco-tourism and if so, the details thereof and the status of such proposals?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF TOURISM

(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. *58 ANSWERED ON 02.12.2021 REGARDING PROMOTION OF ECO-TOURISM IN THE COUNTRY.

(a) to (c): Development and Promotion of tourism, including eco-tourism, is primarily the responsibility of the respective State Government/UT Administration. However, recognising the potential of eco-tourism in the country, the Ministry of Tourism has identified Eco Circuit as one of the fifteen thematic circuits for development under the Swadesh Darshan Scheme to promote eco-tourism in the country.

Ministry of Tourism has sanctioned the following projects under the Eco Circuit theme of Swadesh Darshan Scheme in the country: -

(Rupees in crore)					
Sl. No.	Name of State	Year of Sanction	Project Name	Amount Sanctioned	Amount Released
1.	Uttarakhand	2015-16	Development of Circuit at Tehri-Chamba- Sarain around Tehri Lake.	69.17	65.71
2.	Telangana	2015-16	Development of Circuit in Mahaboobnagar districts (Somasila, Singotam, Kadalaivanam, Akkamahadevi, Egalanpanta, Farahabad, Uma Maheshwaram, Mallelatheertham)	91.62	87.04
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 – Beratlawng -Tuirial Airfield	66.37	49.53

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5.	Madhya Pradesh	2017-18	Development of Gandhisagar Dam- Mandleshwar Dam- Omkareshwar Dam- Indira Sagar Dam- Tawa Dam- Bargi Dam- BhedaGhat- Bansagar Dam- Ken River	94.61	79.70
6.	Jharkhand	2018-19	Development of Dalma- Chandil- Getalsud- Betla National park- Mirchaiya- Netarhat	52.72	15.07
Total				451.04	358.29

The projects for development of tourism related infrastructure including eco-tourism are identified for development under the circuit 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. No project has been sanctioned in the State of Karnataka in Eco Circuit under Swadesh Darshan Scheme.

(d): The details of the proposals received and sanctioned in Eco Circuit of Swadesh Darshan Scheme from States/UTs are given in the above table. After the financial year 2018 – 19, no new project is under consideration for sanctioning in Swadesh Darshan Scheme and all the proposals submitted by the State Governments/UT Administrations are deemed returned.
