

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1092
ANSWERED ON 10.02.2022

STATUS OF ECO-TOURISM IN THE COUNTRY

1092. SHRI KAMAKHYA PRASAD TASA:

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

- (a) details of the amount of central funds allocated/released for the development/promotion of eco-tourism in the last two years, State-wise;
- (b) the appropriate measures taken to minimize potential negative impacts associated with eco-tourism in ecologically sensitive areas in the last two years;
- (c) whether eco-tourism has led to the distinguishable change in domestic tourism in the last two years; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF TOURISM

(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

(a) to (d): 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. The Ministry of Tourism has sanctioned 06 projects under Eco Theme in 'Swadesh Darshan' scheme and their details are annexed.

The Ministry has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and Responsible Tourism Society of India (RTSOI) on 27th September, 2021 with the purpose to undertake measures to actively promote and support 'sustainability initiatives' in the tourism sector of each other and work in a collaborative manner wherever possible.

The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change has informed that they have issued guidelines for sustainable ecotourism in forest and wildlife areas -2021. The guidelines provide for preparation of ecotourism plan which includes the carrying capacity analysis based description of the eco- tourism site. The guidelines also provide for regular monitoring of the ecotourism sites by the respective States/Union Territories.

No formal study has been instituted by Ministry of Tourism to assess whether Eco-tourism has led to the distinguishable change in domestic tourism in last two years.

ANNEXURE

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1092 ANSWERED ON 10.02.2022 REGARDING STATUS OF ECO-TOURISM IN THE COUNTRY.

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

(Amt. in ₹ crore)

S. No.	Name of State	Year of Circuit	Project Name	Amt. Sanctioned	Amt. 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- Sakawrhmuaitlang - Muthee - Beratlawnng -Tuirial Airfield - Hmuifang	66.37	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	94.61	79.70
6.	Jharkhand	2018-19	Development of Dalma- Chandil- Getalsud- BetlaNational park- Mirchaiya- Netarhat	52.72	15.07
Total				451.04	358.29
