

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.†5173  
ANSWERED ON 04.04.2022**

**WILDLIFE AND FOREST TOURISM**

**†5173.SHRI SADASHIV KISAN LOKHANDE:**

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

- (a) whether there is a huge potential for wildlife and forest tourism in the country; and**
- (b) if so, the steps taken to tap the potential of tourism in the various States of the country?**

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF TOURISM**

**(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)**

**(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. There is a huge potential for wildlife and forest tourism in the country.**

**Ministry of Tourism under its scheme of Swadesh Darshan Integrated Development of Theme-Based Tourist Circuits has identified Wildlife and Eco Circuits among fifteen thematic circuits for development. The details of the projects sanctioned under the Eco and Wildlife Circuits of Swadesh Darshan Scheme in various States/UTs is at Annexure.**

**The projects under the above scheme are identified for development in consultation with the State Governments/Union Territory 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.**

**Ministry of Tourism has also formulated Draft National Strategies and Roadmaps for (i) Sustainable Tourism and (ii) Eco Tourism & Adventure Tourism.**

**Apart from above, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC) has informed that they have issued guidelines to all State Governments/Union Territory Administrations for sustainable ecotourism in forest and wildlife areas – 2021.**

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**ANNEXURE****STATEMENT IN REPLY OF PARTS (a) & (b) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.†5173 ANSWERED ON 04.04.2022 REGARDING WILDLIFE AND FOREST TOURISM**

**Details of project sanctioned under the Eco and Wildlife Circuits of Swadesh Darshan Scheme in the country**

**ECO CIRCUIT****(Amt. in Rs. in crore)**

<b>S.No.</b>	<b>Name of State</b>	<b>Year of sanction</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Amount Sanctioned</b>	<b>Amount Released</b>
<b>1.</b>	<b>Uttarakhand</b>	<b>2015-16</b>	<b>Development of Circuit at Tehri-Chamba-Sarain around Tehri Lake.</b>	<b>69.17</b>	<b>65.71</b>
<b>2.</b>	<b>Telangana</b>	<b>2015-16</b>	<b>Development of Circuit in Mahaboobnagar districts (Somasila, Singotam, Kadalaivanam, Akkamahadevi, Egalanpanta, Farahabad, Uma Maheshwaram, Mallelatheertham)</b>	<b>91.62</b>	<b>87.04</b>
<b>3.</b>	<b>Kerala</b>	<b>2015-16</b>	<b>Development of Pathanamthitta-Gavi-Vagamon-Thekkady.</b>	<b>76.55</b>	<b>61.24</b>
<b>4.</b>	<b>Mizoram</b>	<b>2016-17</b>	<b>Development of Eco-Adventure Circuit at Aizawl -Rawpuichhip - Khawhphawp - Lengpui - Durtlang - Chatlang- Sakawrhmutuaitlang - Muthee - Beratlawng -Tuirial Airfield - Hmuifang</b>	<b>66.37</b>	<b>49.53</b>

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

**WILDLIFE CIRCUIT**

(Amt. in Rs. in crore)

<b>S.No.</b>	<b>Name of State</b>	<b>Year of sanction</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Amount Sanctioned</b>	<b>Amount Released</b>
<b>1.</b>	<b>Madhya Pradesh</b>	<b>2015-16</b>	<b>Development of Circuit at Panna- Mukundpur- Sanjay- Dubri- Bandhavgarh- Kanha- Mukki- Pench.</b>	<b>92.22</b>	<b>81.15</b>
<b>2.</b>	<b>Assam</b>	<b>2015-16</b>	<b>Development of Manas- Pobitora- Nameri- Kaziranga- Dibru- Saikhowa.</b>	<b>94.68</b>	<b>89.94</b>
<b>Total</b>				<b>186.9</b>	<b>171.09</b>

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