

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF TOURISM

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1422#**  
ANSWERED ON 28.07.2022

**AQUA TOURISM IN BIHAR**

1422# SHRI SATISH CHANDRA DUBEY:

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

- (a) whether Government has taken any measures to introduce aqua-tourism in different States including Bihar; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM

(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

(a) & (b): Ministry of Tourism has recognised Adventure Tourism as a Niche Tourism Product, which inter alia includes Water Sports activities, to promote India, including Bihar, as a 365 days destination and attract tourist with specific interest.

To position India as a preferred destination for adventure tourism globally, Ministry of Tourism has formulated a National Strategy for Adventure Tourism.

A National Board for Adventure Tourism has been constituted under the Chairpersonship of Secretary (Tourism), comprising of representatives from identified Central Ministries/organizations, State Governments/UT Administrations and Industry Stakeholders, with the objective of operationalization and implementation of the strategy to promote and develop adventure tourism in the Country covering:

- (i) Detailed action plan and formulation of dedicated scheme
- (ii) Certification Scheme
- (iii) Safety guidelines
- (iv) Capacity building, replication of national and global best practices
- (v) Assessment of state policies and ranking
- (vi) Marketing and promotion
- (vii) Destination and product development
- (viii) Private sector participation
- (ix) Specific strategies for adventure tourism
- (x) Any other measures for growth of adventure tourism in the country.

In addition, Coastal Circuit was identified as one of the thematic circuits under the Scheme of Swadesh Darshan for providing financial assistance to States/UT Administrations for infrastructure development. The details of projects sanctioned in different States under Coastal Circuit theme of the scheme are at **Annexure**.

Apart from the above, Ministry of Tourism, through National Institute for Water Sports (NIWS), Goa, provides training to water sports operators through various skill developing courses and certify the trainees.

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**ANNEXURE**

**STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) & (b) OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1422# ANSWERED ON 28.07.2022 REGARDING AQUA TOURISM IN BIHAR**

**Details of project sanctioned under the Coastal Circuit of Swadesh Darshan Scheme in the country**

**(Amount 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>
1.	Andhra Pradesh	(2014-15)	Development of Kakinada - Hope Island - Coringa Wildlife Sanctuary - Passarlapudi - Aduru - S Yanam – Kotipally	67.84	67.84
2.	Andhra Pradesh	(2015-16)	Development of Nellore - Pulikat Lake - Ubblamadugu Water Falls – Nelapattu- Kothakoduru-Mypadu - Ramateertham – Iskapalli	49.55	47.76
3.	Puducherry	(2015-16)	Development of Dubrayapet – Arikamedu – Veerampattinam – Chunnambar - Nallavadu/Narambai - Manapet-Kalapet - Puducherry - Yanam	58.44	61.82
4.	West Bengal	(2015-16)	Development of Beach Circuit: Udaipur- Digha- Shankarpur-Tajpur- Mandarmani- Fraserganj-Bakkhlai- Henry Island	67.99	68.31
5.	Maharashtra	(2015-16)	Development of Sindhudurg Coastal Circuit - Sagareshwar, Tarkarli, Vijaydurg (Beach & Creek), Mitbhav	19.06	18.11
6.	Goa	(2016-17)	Development of Siquerim-Baga, Anjuna-Vagator, Morjim-Keri, Aguada Fort and Aguada Jail	97.65	92.76
7.	Odisha	(2016-17)	Development of Gopalpur, Barkul, Satapada and Tampara	70.82	63.56
8.	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	(2016-17)	Development of Long Island-Ross Smith Island- Neil Island-Havelock Island- Baratang Island-Port Blair	27.57	20.89
9.	Tamil Nadu	(2016-17)	Development of (Chennai-Mamallapuram – Rameshwaram – Manpadu – Kanyakumari)	73.13	69.48
10.	Goa	(2017-18)	Development of Coastal Circuit II: Rua De Orum Creek - Dona Paula -Colva - Benaulim	99.35	94.38
			<b>Total</b>	<b>631.4</b>	<b>604.91</b>

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