

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2212#
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**PLANS FOR DEVELOPMENT OF NEW TOURISM CIRCUITS IN
UTTARAKHAND**

2212 # SHRI NARESH BANSAL:

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

- (a) whether Government has formulated any plans for integrated development of new tourism circuits dedicated to themes under Central Sector Scheme like Swadesh Darshan Scheme for the State of Uttarakhand;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the amount of funds released for developing tourism infrastructure in the current financial year?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM

(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

(a) to (c): The Ministry of Tourism had launched the Swadesh Darshan Scheme (SDS) in the year 2014-15 with a vision to develop theme based tourist circuits in the country and has sanctioned 76 projects throughout the country including in the State of Uttarakhand.

Details of the projects sanctioned in the State of Uttarakhand under SDS is given below:

(Rs. in Crore)				
S. No.	Circuit/ Year of Sanction	Name of the Project	Amt. Sanctioned	Amt. Released
1.	Eco Circuit 2015-16	Development of Eco-Tourism, Adventure Sports, Associated Tourism related Infrastructure for Development of Tehri Lake & Surroundings	69.17	65.71
2.	Heritage Circuit 2016-17	Development of Heritage Circuit in Kumaon Region – Katarmal –Jogeshwar-Baijnath-Devidhura	76.32	67.62

No fund has been released in the current financial year under SDS. The Ministry of Tourism has now revamped its Swadesh Darshan Scheme as Swadesh Darshan 2.0 (SD2.0) with the objective to develop sustainable and responsible destinations following a tourist & destination centric approach.
