

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 820
ANSWERED ON 12.12.2022**

WILDLIFE AND FOREST TOURISM

820. SHRI RAMDAS C. TADAS:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any scheme has been formulated for sustainable wildlife and forest tourism in the country;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the scope of the same in various States/UTs including Maharashtra;**
- (c) whether there is a big potential for wildlife and forest tourism in the country;**
- (d) if so, the steps taken to tap the potential and promotion of the wildlife and forest tourism in the notified Tiger Reserves, National Parks and Wildlife Sanctuaries within the country including Maharashtra State;**
- (e) whether any scheme has been put in place to involve local communities as stakeholders in the development of sustainable wildlife and forest tourism; and**
- (f) if so, the details thereof and the funds provided by the Government for promoting sustainable wildlife and forest tourism during the last five years, State/UT-wise including Maharashtra State?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM

(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

(a) to (f): Ministry of Tourism has formulated National Strategies for (i) Sustainable Tourism and (ii) Eco Tourism.

Following strategic pillars have been identified for development of Eco/sustainable tourism:

- (i) Promoting Environmental Sustainability**
- (ii) Protecting Biodiversity**
- (iii) Promoting Economic Sustainability**
- (iv) Promoting Socio-Cultural Sustainability**
- (v) Scheme for Certification of Sustainable Tourism**

(vi) IEC and Capacity Building

(vii) Governance

Ministry of Tourism under its scheme of Swadesh Darshan identified Wildlife and Eco Circuits among fifteen thematic circuits for development. The above circuits cover National Parks, Wildlife Sanctuaries and Reserves in the country. The details of the projects sanctioned under the Eco and Wildlife Circuits of Swadesh Darshan Scheme in various States/UTs is at Annexure.

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.

ANNEXURE**STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 820 ANSWERED ON 12.12.2022 REGARDING WILDLIFE AND FOREST TOURISM****Details of project sanctioned under the Eco and Wildlife Circuits of Swadesh Darshan Scheme in the country****ECO CIRCUIT****(Amount in Rupees crore)**

S. 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	87.03
3.	Kerala	2015-16	Development of Pathanamthitta-Gavi-Vagamon-Thekkady.	64.08	61.24
4.	Mizoram	2016-17	Development of Eco-Adventure Circuit at Aizawl -Rawpuichhip - Khawhphawp - Lengpui - Durtlang - Chatlang- Sakawrhmutuaitlang	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	93.92	88.58
6.	Jharkhand	2018-19	Development of Dalma- Chandil- Getalsud- BetlaNational park- Mirchaiya- Netarhat	30.11	26.37
Total				415.27	378.47

WILDLIFE CIRCUIT

(Amount in Rupees in crore)

S.No.	Name of State	Year of sanction	Project Name	Amount Sanctioned	Amount Released
1.	Madhya Pradesh	2015-16	Development of Circuit at Panna- Mukundpur- Sanjay- Dubri- Bandhavgarh- Kanha- Mukki- Pench.	92.10	86.31
2.	Assam	2015-16	Development of Manas- Pobitora- Nameri- Kaziranga- Dibru- Saikhowa.	94.68	89.94
Total				186.78	176.25
