

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF TOURISM

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**STARRED QUESTION NO.87**  
ANSWERED ON 09.02.2023

**PROJECTS TO BOOST ECO-TOURISM IN THE COUNTRY**

87 DR. KANIMOZHI NVN SOMU:

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

- (a) whether Government has any proposal/sanctioned projects to boost Eco-Tourism in the country and if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise;
- (b) the steps taken by Government to boost Eco-Tourism projects in different areas, State-wise, including Tamil Nadu;
- (c) the Central financial assistance released to different States/Union Territories during the last three years along with the funds spent in this regard, year-wise;
- (d) whether Government has received proposals from different State Governments for development and promotion of Eco-Tourism; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof along with their present status?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM

(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the table of the House.

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**STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.87 ANSWERED ON 09.02.2023 REGARDING PROJECTS TO BOOST ECO-TOURISM IN THE COUNTRY.**

(a) to (e): The Ministry of Tourism, Government of India launched its 'Swadesh Darshan scheme (SDS) in the year 2014-15 for integrated development of Theme – Based Tourist Circuits in the country. Under this scheme, a total number of 76 projects for an amount of Rs. 5315.59 Crore across the country under different identified thematic circuits were sanctioned, including 1 project 'Development of Chennai – Mamallapuram – Rameshwaram – Manpadu – Kanyakumari' under coastal circuit for an amount of Rs. 73.13 Crore in Tamil Nadu. No project was sanctioned under Eco-Tourism Circuit theme of the SDS in Tamil Nadu, however the Ministry has sanctioned 6 projects under Eco – Tourism theme in the country, as per the details given below:-

(Amt. in ₹ crore)

S. No.	Name of State	Year	Project Name	Amt. Sanctioned	Amt. Released	Amt. Utilized*
1.	Uttarakhand	(2015-16)	Development of Circuit at Tehri-Chamba- Sarain around Tehri Lake.	69.17	69.17	69.20
2.	Telangana	(2015-16)	Development of Circuit in Mahaboobnagar districts (Somasila, Singotam, Kadalaivanam, Akkamahadevi, Egalanpanta, Farahabad, Uma Maheshwaram, Mallelatheertham)	91.62	87.04	91.62
3.	Kerala	(2015-16)	Development of Pathanamthitta- Gavi-Vagamon- Thekkady.	64.08	64.08	64.08
4.	Mizoram	(2016-17)	Development of Eco-Adventure Circuit at Aizawl -Rawpuichhip - Khawhphawp - Lengpui – Durtlang -Chatlang- Sakawrhमितुaitlang - Muthee – Beratlawng - Tuirial Airfield – Hmuifang	66.37	49.53	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	93.76	89.08	88.58

6.	Jharkhand	(2018-19)	Development of Dalma-Chandil-Getalsud-Betla National park-Mirchaiya- Netarhat	30.11	26.37	16.37
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\*Utilized amount is as per the utilization certificates submitted by the State Governments.

In addition, the Ministry of Tourism has identified Eco Tourism as one of the Niche Tourism Products for promotion and development in the country and has formulated the National Strategy for Eco Tourism in consultation with concerned Central Ministries, States/UTs and Industry Stakeholders.

The Ministry of Tourism has now revamped the Swadesh Darshan Scheme as Swadesh Darshan 2.0 (SD2.0) with the objective to develop sustainable and responsible tourism destinations, following a destination and tourism-centric approach. The scheme guidelines envisage for selection of destinations based on State Perspective Plan (SPP) prepared by the States.

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