

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.630#
ANSWERED ON 07.12.2023

SCHEME TO PROMOTE WILDLIFE TOURISM

630# SHRI NEERAJ DANGI:

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

- (a) whether there is any scheme of Government on wildlife tourism, if so, the State-wise details thereof, including Rajasthan;
- (b) the details of the initiatives taken by Government to expand wildlife and forest tourism in National Parks and Wildlife Sanctuaries in the State of Rajasthan; and
- (c) the efforts made by Government to promote wildlife and forest tourism during the last two years?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM

(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

(a) to (c): The Ministry of Tourism under its scheme of Swadesh Darshan identified Wildlife Circuit and Eco Circuit as among 15 thematic circuits for development. The above circuits cover National Parks, Wildlife Sanctuaries and Reserves in the country. The details of projects sanctioned under the Wildlife and Eco Circuits of Swadesh Darshan scheme in various States/UTs is at Annexure. No project has been sanctioned in the State of Rajasthan under the above two circuits of the scheme.

Apart from above, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change has informed that they have issued “Guidelines for sustainable ecotourism in forest and wildlife areas – 2021”.

In addition to above, as part of its on-going activities, Ministry of Tourism, releases global print, electronic and online media campaigns in important and potential markets overseas, under the 'Incredible India' brand-line, to promote various tourism destinations and products of the country. Digital promotions are also regularly undertaken through the Social Media accounts of the Ministry on different themes including the theme of Wildlife Tourism.

ANNEXURE

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 630# ANSWERED ON 07.12.2023 REGARDING SCHEME TO PROMOTE WILDLIFE TOURISM BY SHRI NEERAJ DANGI

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

WILDLIFE CIRCUIT**(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

ECO CIRCUIT**(Rupees in 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	69.17
2.	Telangana	2015-16	Development of Circuit in Mahaboobnagar districts (Somasila, Singotam, Kadalaivanam, Akkamahadevi, Egalanpanta, Farahabad, Uma Maheshwaram, Mallelatheertham)	91.62	91.25
3.	Kerala	2015-16	Development of Pathanamthitta- Gavi-Vagamon- Thekkady.	64.08	64.08
4.	Mizoram	2016-17	Development of Eco-Adventure Circuit at Aizawl -Rawpuichhip - Khawhphawp - Lengpui - Durtlang -Chatlang-Sakawrhmutuaitlang - Muthee - Beratlawng -Tuirial Airfield - Hmuifang	66.37	53.09
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	93.76	89.07
6.	Jharkhand	2018-19	Development of Dalma- Chandil-Getalsud- BetlaNational park- Mirchaiya-Netarhat	30.44	28.83
Total				415.44	395.49
