

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.266  
ANSWERED ON 05.02.2024**

**PROJECTS TO BOOST ECO-TOURISM**

**266. SHRI MANOJ TIWARI:  
DR. NISHIKANT DUBEY:**

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

- (a) whether the 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 the Government to boost Eco-Tourism projects in different areas, State-wise including Delhi and Jharkhand;**
- (c) the Central financial assistance released to different States/Union Territories during each of the last three years along with the funds spent in this regard;**
- (d) whether the Government has received proposals from different State Governments for development and promotion of Eco-Tourism; and**
- (e) if so, the details along with present status thereof?**

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF TOURISM**

**(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)**

**(a) to (e): The Ministry of Tourism 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 a revised sanctioned cost of ₹5294.11 Crore across the country under different identified thematic circuits including 01 Eco-theme project in Jharkhand were sanctioned. No project was sanctioned under SDS in Delhi, however the Ministry has sanctioned 06 projects under Eco-Tourism theme in the country, the detail of which is annexed.**

**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 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 & tourism-centric approach. In line with the scheme guidelines, the respective State/UT prepares State Perspective Plan and the Ministry of Tourism selects destination for development accordingly. The Ministry has notified 57 destinations in the country for development under SD2.0 including Chandil in Jharkhand.**

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**ANNEXURE****STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.266 ANSWERED ON 05.02.2024 REGARDING PROJECTS TO BOOST ECO-TOURISM BY SHRI MANOJ TIWARI AND DR. NISHIKANT DUBEY**

**Detail of projects sanctioned under Eco Circuit theme of Swadesh Darshan Scheme.**

**(Amount in ₹ Crore)**

<b>S. No</b>	<b>Name of State/Year</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Amount Sanctioned</b>	<b>Amount Released/ Authorized for utilization</b>	<b>Amount reported Utilized by State Government</b>
<b>1.</b>	<b>Uttarakhand/ 2015-16</b>	<b>Integrated Development of Eco-Tourism, Adventure Sports, and Associated Tourism Related Infrastructure for Development of Tehri Lake &amp; Surroundings as New Destination- District Tehri</b>	<b>69.17</b>	<b>69.17</b>	<b>69.17</b>
<b>2.</b>	<b>Telangana/ 2015-16</b>	<b>Development of Circuit in Mahaboobnagar districts (Somasila, Singotam, Kadalaivanam, Akkamahadevi, Egalanpanta, Farahabad, Uma Maheshwaram, Mallelatheertham)</b>	<b>91.62</b>	<b>91.25</b>	<b>91.62</b>
<b>3.</b>	<b>Kerala/ 2015-16</b>	<b>Development of Pathanamthitta-</b>	<b>64.08</b>	<b>64.08</b>	<b>64.08</b>

		<b>Gavi- Vagamon- Thekkady.</b>			
<b>4.</b>	<b>Mizoram/ 2016-17</b>	<b>Development of Eco-Adventure Circuit at Aizawl - Rawpuichhip - Khawhphawp - Lengpui - - Chatlang- Sakawrhmutuaitla ng - Muthee - Beratlawng -Tuirial Airfield – Hmuifang</b>	<b>66.37</b>	<b>53.09</b>	<b>53.09</b>
<b>5.</b>	<b>Madhya Pradesh/ 2017-18</b>	<b>Development of Gandhisagar Dam- Mandleshwar Dam- Omkareshwar Dam- Indira Sagar Dam- Tawa Dam- Bargi Dam- Bheda Ghat- Bansagar Dam- Ken River</b>	<b>93.76</b>	<b>89.07</b>	<b>88.58</b>
<b>6.</b>	<b>Jharkhand/ 2018-19</b>	<b>Development of Eco Tourism circuit: Dalma- Betla National park- Mirchaiya- Netarhat</b>	<b>30.44</b>	<b>28.83</b>	<b>28.04</b>

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