

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2276
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DEVELOPMENT OF NEW TOURISM CIRCUIT

2276 SHRI CHANDRA PRAKASH CHOUDHARY:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of domestic and foreign tourists that have visited the State of Jharkhand during the last five years, district-wise;**
- (b) whether the Government has any plans for developing new tourism circuit in the said State;**
- (c) if so, the details of such circuits along with the timeline fixed in this regard; and**
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a): The number of domestic and foreign tourist visits in Jharkhand during the last five years is given below:

(in thousand)

Year	DTVs	FTVs
2019	35580.77	176.04
2020	2574.70	0.49
2021	3383.64	1.64
2022	38284.38	192.32
2023 (P)	35776.10	189.26

Source: State Tourism Department

P: Provisional

(b) to (d): The Ministry of Tourism launched its Swadesh Darshan scheme in the year 2014-15 under which financial assistance is provided to the States/UT Administrations/Central Agencies etc. for development of tourism infrastructure in the country including Jharkhand. The financial assistance is provided in consultation with States/UT Administrations. Under the Swadesh Darshan Scheme, the Ministry sanctioned a project 'Development of Eco Tourism circuit: Dalma- Betla National park- Mirchaiya- Netarhat' for Rs.30.44 Crore in 2018-19 under Eco circuit theme in the State of Jharkhand. The project is physically complete.
