

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2282
ANSWERED ON 05.08.2024**

ECO-TOURISM AROUND FRESHWATER LAKES

**2282 SHRI NAVASKANI K:
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SHRI C N ANNADURAI:**

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to build eco-tourism around the freshwater lakes in the country, particularly in Tamil Nadu State;**
- (b) if so, the details of the proposal of Government to develop such eco-friendly spots surrounding the lakes thereof;**
- (c) the amount of central financial assistance released to each State Government/UT administration for development of Eco-tourism during the last three years and current year;**
- (d) the details of the projects for which these funds were provided along with the funds actually spent by the State Governments/UTs on said projects; and**
- (e) the details of the steps taken/being taken by the Government for the growth of eco-tourism in the country?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a) to (e): Central Financial Assistance (CFA) has been extended to various State Governments/Union Territory Administrations under various schemes of the Ministry for development of tourism infrastructure in destinations including Ecotourism destinations. The CFA is extended according to admissible guidelines and based on proposals received from the State and UT governments. Ministry has identified Eco Circuit as one of the thematic circuits under its

Swadesh Darshan Scheme and the details of projects sanctioned under this circuit are given at Annexure.

The Ministry of Tourism promotes India in a holistic manner, through various initiatives. As part of on-going activities; promotion of Ecotourism in all States/Union Territories, is also taken up. The Ministry of Tourism also regularly promotes Ecotourism through its website and social media promotions.

In order to provide impetus for development of Ecotourism in the country, Ministry of Tourism has formulated a National Strategy for Development of Ecotourism.

ANNEXURE

STATEMENT IN REPLY OF PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2282 ANSWERED ON 05.08.2024 REGARDING ECO-TOURISM AROUND FRESHWATER LAKES RAISED BY SHRI NAVASKANI K, SHRI SELVAM G AND SHRI C N ANNADURAI.

PROJECTS SANCTIONED UNDER RURAL CIRCUIT OF SWADESH DARSHAN SCHEME

(Rs. in crore)

S. No.	Name of State	Year	Project Name	Amount Sanctioned	Amount Released
1.	Uttarakhand	(2015-16)	Integrated Development of Eco-Tourism, Adventure Sports, and Associated Tourism Related Infrastructure for Development of Tehri Lake & Surroundings as New Destination-District Tehri	69.17	69.17
2.	Telangana	(2015-16)	Development of Circuit in Mahaboobnagar districts (Somasila, Singotam, Kadalaivanam, Akkamahadevi, Egalanpanta, Farahabad, Uma Maheshwaram, Mallelathertham)	91.62	91.25
3.	Kerala	(2015-16)	Development of Pathanamthitta-Gavi-Vagamom-	64.08	64.08

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4.	Mizoram	(2016 -17)	Development of Eco-Adventure Circuit at Aizawl - Rawpuichhip - Khawhphawp - Lengpui - Chatlang- Sakawrhmutuaitla ng - 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- Bheda Ghat- Bansagar Dam- Ken River	93.76	93.59
6.	Jharkhand	(2018 -19)	Development of Eco Tourism circuit: Dalma- Betla National park- Mirchaiya- Netarhat	30.44	28.04
Total				415.44	399.22
