

Development of eco-tourism

299. SHRI AVINASH PANDE: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the measures being taken by Government to increase the volume of tourists arriving in India for eco-tourism; and

(b) the details of sites which are presently being developed as eco-tourism hubs in the country and the expenditure allocated and incurred thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (DR. MAHESH SHARMA): (a) Development and promotion of various tourism destinations and products, including Eco-Tourism is primarily the responsibility of the respective State Government/Union Territory (UT) Administration. The Ministry of Tourism (MoT) provides Central Financial Assistance (CFA) to various State Governments/Union Territory Administrations for tourism projects including Eco-Tourism projects subject to availability of funds and adherence to the existing scheme guidelines.

The Ministry of Tourism has formulated and adopted the Comprehensive Sustainable Tourism Criteria for India (STCI) for three major segments of the tourism industry, namely accommodation sector, tour operators' sector, and Beaches, Backwaters, Lakes and Rivers. The Ministry of Tourism has been promoting Eco-Tourism, *inter-alia* by supporting seminars and events focusing on development of Eco-Tourism, from time to time.

The Ministry of Tourism promotes India as a holistic destination in the domestic and international markets, including various tourism destinations and products of every State/Union Territory. As a part of the above promotional activities, Ministry of Tourism releases campaigns in the international and domestic markets as well as produces publicity material under the Incredible India brand line.

(b) The details of eco-tourism sites which are presently being developed in the country along with expenditure allocated and incurred thereon during the last three years *i.e.*, 2012-13, 2013-14 and 2014-15 are given in the Statement.

Statement

State-wise/UT Administration-wise and Project-wise details of amount released and funds actually spent for Development of Eco-Tourism infrastructure during the last three years i.e., 2012-13, 2013-14 and 2014-15

(₹ in lakh)

Sl. No.	Year	Name of the Project	Amount Sanctioned	Amount Released	Amount Utilized
1	2	3	4	5	6
1. Andhra Pradesh					
	2013-14	Development of Eco-Park at Kakinada	437.00	87.40	87.40
		Development of Eco-Tourism Facilities at Coringa, East Godavari District	474.42	94.88	94.88
		Development of Eco-Park at Kadiyam, East Godavari District	295.56	59.11	59.11
	2014-15	Restoration and Reconstruction of Tourism Infrastructure at Borra Caves as a major Eco and Adventure Tourism Centre of Visakhapatnam District: Post HudHud Cyclone Programme (Tribal Head)	96.12	19.22	0.00
		Restoration and Reconstruction of Tourism Infrastructure at TYDA Jungle Bells, as a Major Eco and Adventure tourism Centre, Visakhapatnam District: Post HudHud Cyclone Programme (Tribal Head)	387.63	77.52	0.00
		Restoration and Reconstruction of Tourism Infrastructure at Valley Resort, Araku as a major Eco and Adventure Tourism Centre of Visakhapatnam District : Post HudHud Cyclone Programme (Tribal Head)	198.39	39.67	0.00
		Development of Kakinada Hope Island Konaseema as World Class Coastal and Eco Tourism Circuit in Andhra Pradesh under Swadesh Darshan Scheme	6983.05	337.00	0.00
2. Arunachal Pradesh					
	2012-13	Eco-Tourism at Kone Gipong area under Dambuk sub division of Lower Dibang Valley District	468.43	374.74	468.43*
	2013-14	Development of Eco-Tourism Circuit at Loki-Partung-Taluak in East Siang District Arunachal Pradesh	791.31	158.26	0.00
3. Jammu and Kashmir					
	2012-13	Eco friendly development of Shutkadi Base Camp to Vishansat (High Altitude Himalayan Lake) by Sonamarg Development Authority	406.37	325.09	203.20

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4. Karnataka					
	2013-14	Development of Eco-tourism in the Northern Circuit (Bhadra Phase-II)	500.00	100.00	0.00
		Development of Eco-tourism resort at Apsarakonds in Honnavar Taluk, Uttara Kannada District	500.00	100.00	0.00
5. Kerala					
	2013-14	Development of Eco-camping Circuits and Caravan Parks	593.06	5.00	0.00
6. Maharashtra					
	2013-14	Development of Dhapewada/Paradsinga as Eco-Tourism and pilgrimage centre at Dhapewada, District Nagpur	780.17	624.13	156.03
		Development of Bhandara-Gondia-Nagpur Eco-Tourism as Mega Circuit	4532.66	906.53	0.00
7. Manipur					
	2012-13	Ningthem Pukhri Imphal- Eco-Tourism complex, Imphal East distt.	413.52	82.70	44.70
	2013-14	Integrated Tourist Destination of Eco-Tourism Complex at Mata Mualtam Hyde out Park, Churachandpur District	489.17	97.83	97.83
8. Mizoram					
	2013-14	Development of Theme Park and Eco-Tourism at Lungleng Mizoram	800.00	160.00	0.00
	2014-15	Integrated Development of Eco-Tourism Mega Circuit at Thenzawl District Serchhip, Mizoram	4829.69	241.48	0.00
9. Nagaland					
	2013-14	Eco- Adventure and Culture Destination at Kuhuboto, Nagaland	500.00	100.00	331.63 *
10. Telangana					
	2013-14	Development of Eco-Tourism Project at Alisagar, Nizamabad District	383.27	76.65	78.00
	2014-15	Development of Durgam Cheruvu Area along with other Down Stream Lakes as Eco-Tourism Destination in Hyderabad, Telangana	454.36	90.87	0.00
11. Uttarakhand					
	2012-13	Development of Integrated Eco-Tourism Circuit (Bageshwar-Bajjnath-Loharkhet) in District Bageshwar.	800.00	640.00	640.00
		Development of Water Sports and Eco-Tourism at Maneri, Uttarkashi	498.22	99.64	299.64*

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		Development of Eco-Tourism around Holy Dargah of Hazrat Alauddin Ali Ahmed Al Sabir (Sabir Kaliyar) Near Haridwar	798.92	639.13	179.79
		Development of Kurur-Nand Kesari Van/Wan-Bedni Jheel Heritage and Eco Tourism Circuit-Integrated Circuit Development for Eco and Adventure Tourism, District Chamoli	800.00	160.00	0.00
	2013-14	Development of Nauti- Kansawa- Chandpur- Garhi- Sem Heritage and Eco-Tourism Circuit	800.00	160.00	0.00
		Development of River Rafting Center, Eco-Tourism and Adventure Center at Jaul Jibi, Distt. Pithoragarh	499.54	99.90	0.00
		Development of Day Safari Adventure and Eco-Tourism Circuit, Sitabani, Ramnagar	799.32	159.86	0.00
		Development of Ramnagar-Kosi Eco-Tourism Circuit between Ramnagar and Nainital	799.05	159.81	0.00
		Development of Dugadda-Sendhikhal-Vatanvasa Eco Tourism Circuit, District Pauri	799.78	159.96	0.00
		Infrastructure Development at Kausani-Someshwar- Tea Estate as an Eco-Tourism and Tea Tourism Circuit, District Almora	799.84	159.97	0.00
		Development of River Rafting Center and Eco- Tourism Destination, Tons River Valley, Mori, District Uttarkashi	499.02	99.80	0.00
		Development of Eco- Tourism at Back Waters of Tehri Lake	498.79	99.76	105.00 *

*The State Government has submitted Utilization Certificate (UC) in excess by spending from the State Funds.

Implementation of tourism scheme in Goa

300. SHRI SHANTARAM NAIK: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) the number and names of schemes being implemented in the State of Goa to develop and encourage tourism industry in the State;
- (b) the amount allotted towards each of the schemes;