

(c) The Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) develops and regulates National Waterways declared by the Government for Navigation and Shipping and provides infrastructure and navigation support to riverine cruise vessels on national waterways as per demand. As per IWAI there is no incentive/scheme provided to increase travel by ship/cruise tourism by Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI).

**Project on tribal tourism in the country**

2692. SHRI K. SOMAPRASAD: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government considers any project on tribal tourism for improving economy of backward areas of the country especially in the tribal areas of Kerala;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has prepared any action plan to explore the scope of tribal tourism in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI PRAHALAD SINGH PATEL): (a) to (d) The Ministry of Tourism, under the Swadesh Darshan Scheme, has identified tribal circuit as one of the fifteen thematic circuits for development of tourism infrastructure in the country with the objective of showcasing tribal culture, art, handicrafts and providing livelihood and enhance employment opportunities for tribal populations in the country.

The projects for development under the above scheme are identified in consultation with the State Governments/UT Administrations and are sanctioned subject to their adherence to scheme guidelines, submission of suitable detailed project reports, availability of funds and utilization of funds released earlier.

Based on the above, the list of projects sanctioned by the Ministry under the Tribal Circuit theme are as below:—

(₹ in crore)

Sl. No.	State/UT and Year	Name of the Project	Amount Sanctioned
1	2	3	4
1.	Nagaland (2015-16)	Development of Tribal Circuit Peren-Kohima-Wokha, Nagaland	97.36

1	2	3	4
2.	Chhattisgarh (2015-16)	Development of Tribal Tourism Circuit in Jashpur-Kunkuri-Mainpat-Ambikapur-Maheshpur-Ratanpur-Kurdar-Sarodadadar Gangrel- Kondagaon-Nathyanawagaon-Jagdulpur Chitrakoot-Tirthgarh in Chhattisgarh	99.21
3.	Telangana (2016-17)	Integrated Development of Mulugu-Laknavaram-Medavaram-Tadvai-Damaravi-Mallur-Bogatha Waterfalls as Tribal Circuit in Telangana	83.88
4.	Nagaland (2016-17)	Development of Tribal circuit (Mokokchung-Tuensang-Mon) in Nagaland	99.67
TOTAL			380.12

No project has been received by the Ministry under the Tribal Circuit from the State Government of Kerala.

#### Foreign tourists in the country

2693. SHRI NARESH GUJRAL:

SHRI ANIL DESAI:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of tourists that arrived in India from abroad during the last three years;
- (b) what are the destinations they visited the most;
- (c) the amount of revenue country received due to their visit during the same period and the details of steps taken by Government to grow this sector; and
- (d) whether a feeling of security is there among these visitors?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI PRAHALAD SINGH PATEL): (a) The International Tourist Arrivals in India during 2016, 2017 and 2018 were 14.57 million, 15.54 million and 17.42 million (provisional) respectively.

(b) Assessment of number of tourists at destinations in States/UTs is made in terms of visits in the States/UTs during a calendar year. Ministry of Tourism, Government