

Statement

The Details of projects sanctioned under eco circuit theme of the Swadesh Darshan Scheme

(₹ in crore)

Sl. No.	Name of State/Year	Project Name	Amt. Sanctioned	Amt. Released
1.	Uttarakhand (2015-16)	Development of Circuit at Tehri-Chamba- Sarain around Tehri Lake.	70.92	64.30
2.	Telangana (2015-16)	Development of Circuit in Mahaboobnagar districts (Somasila, Singotam, Kadalaivanam, Akkamahadevi, Egalanpanta, Farahabad, Uma Maheshwaram, Mallelatheertham)	91.62	73.30
3.	Kerala (2015-16)	Development of Pathanamthitta- Gavi-Vagamon- Thekkady	76.55	61.24
4.	Mizoram (2016-17)	Development of Eco-Adventure Circuit at Aizawl -Rawpuichhip - Khawhphawp - Lengpui - Durtlang -Chatlang- Sakawrhmutuaitlang - Muthee - Beratlawng -Tuirial Airfield Hmuifang	99.07	49.53
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	99.62	79.70
6.	Jharkhand (2018-19)	Development of Dalma- Chandil-Getalsud- Betla National park-Mirchaiya- Netarhat	52.72	0.00

Fund allocation under Champion sector

316. SHRI K. J. ALPHONS: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the status of the proposal to fund ten tourism destinations, with funds to be allocated under Champion sector; and

(b) when will work start on these projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI PRAHALAD

SINGH PATEL): (a) and (b) Recognizing the important role that services sector plays in driving India's growth, the 'Action Plan for Champion Sectors in Services' was accorded approval by the Union Cabinet on 28th February, 2018, whereby, it was decided to give focused attention on 12 services sectors. 'Tourism and Hospitality Services' was identified as one of the 12 Champion Services Sectors. Ministry of Tourism was identified as the nodal Ministry to finalize the sectoral scheme for 'Tourism and Hospitality Services' under Champion Services Sectors Scheme.

On 6th September, 2019, the Expenditure Finance Committee (EFC) accorded approval to the umbrella scheme, Champion Services Sectors Scheme, and sectoral schemes of six Nodal Ministries including Ministry of Tourism.

EFC has approved a total budget of ₹535.40 Crore for implementing the following components of the tourism sectoral plan under the Champion Services Sectors Scheme:

- Creation of Tented Accommodation in Buddhist Circuit and Marketing and Promotion of these destinations and accommodations
- Extending Incentives for Improving Air Connectivity
- Capacity Building Programmes in and Around Iconic Sites [Language training of Tourist Facilitators]
- Incentives to Tour Operators in Emerging Markets
- Promotion of MICE Tourism

A budget outlay of ₹ 123.00 Crore has been projected in the Budget Estimates of the Ministry of Tourism under the Champion Services Sectors Scheme for the financial year 2020-21 for implementing the identified tourism components.

Promotion of pilgrim tourism

317. DR. SONAL MANSINGH: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government noticed that the image of our ancestral art forms is tarnished in the name of tourism promotion;
- (b) if so, the steps taken to preserve our tradition and culture in tourism events;
- (c) the steps taken to promote pilgrim tourism in the country; and
- (d) the details of central assistance released since the last five years and the pilgrim tourism, State-wise?