

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF TOURISM

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1092**  
ANSWERED ON 10.02.2022

**STATUS OF ECO-TOURISM IN THE COUNTRY**

1092. SHRI KAMAKHYA PRASAD TASA:

Will the Minister of **TOURISM** be pleased to state:

- (a) details of the amount of central funds allocated/released for the development/promotion of eco-tourism in the last two years, State-wise;
- (b) the appropriate measures taken to minimize potential negative impacts associated with eco-tourism in ecologically sensitive areas in the last two years;
- (c) whether eco-tourism has led to the distinguishable change in domestic tourism in the last two years; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF TOURISM

(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

(a) to (d): The Ministry of Tourism has identified Eco Circuit as one of the fifteen thematic circuits for development under the Swadesh Darshan Scheme to promote eco-tourism in the country. The Ministry of Tourism has sanctioned 06 projects under Eco Theme in 'Swadesh Darshan' scheme and their details are annexed.

The Ministry has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and Responsible Tourism Society of India (RTSOI) on 27<sup>th</sup> September, 2021 with the purpose to undertake measures to actively promote and support 'sustainability initiatives' in the tourism sector of each other and work in a collaborative manner wherever possible.

The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change has informed that they have issued guidelines for sustainable ecotourism in forest and wildlife areas -2021. The guidelines provide for preparation of ecotourism plan which includes the carrying capacity analysis based description of the eco- tourism site. The guidelines also provide for regular monitoring of the ecotourism sites by the respective States/Union Territories.

No formal study has been instituted by Ministry of Tourism to assess whether Eco-tourism has led to the distinguishable change in domestic tourism in last two years.

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**ANNEXURE**

**STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1092 ANSWERED ON 10.02.2022 REGARDING STATUS OF ECO-TOURISM IN THE COUNTRY.**

**DETAIL OF PROJECTS SANCTIONED UNDER THE ECO-CIRCUIT THEME OF SWADESH DARSHAN SCHEME.**

**(Amt. in ₹ crore)**

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Name of State</b>	<b>Year of Circuit</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Amt. Sanctioned</b>	<b>Amt. Released</b>
1.	Uttarakhand	2015-16	Development of Circuit at Tehri-Chamba- Sarain around Tehri Lake.	69.17	65.71
2.	Telangana	2015-16	Development of Circuit in Mahaboobnagar districts (Somasila, Singotam, Kadalaivanam, Akkamahadevi, Egalanpanta, Farahabad, Uma Maheshwaram, Mallelatheertham)	91.62	87.04
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- Sakawrhmuaitlang - Muthee - Beratlawnng -Tuirial Airfield - Hmuifang	66.37	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	94.61	79.70
6.	Jharkhand	2018-19	Development of Dalma- Chandil- Getalsud- BetlaNational park- Mirchaiya- Netarhat	52.72	15.07
<b>Total</b>				<b>451.04</b>	<b>358.29</b>

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