

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF TOURISM

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.297**  
ANSWERED ON 08.12.2022

**ECO FRIENDLY TOURISM**

297. DR. ASHOK KUMAR MITTAL:

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

- (a) whether Government has taken any measures to promote sustainable and environment friendly ecotourism projects in various States including Punjab;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether there is any special project particularly for Jalandhar and Kapurthala districts of Punjab; and
- (d) the details of the activities involved under the said policy and the environment benefits likely to be obtained as a result thereof?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM

(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

(a) to (d): To develop an enabling ecosystem for the growth of Ecotourism in the Country and create synergies amongst the Central and State Governments, Local communities, conservation NGOs and the private sector for the development of Ecotourism in the country, Ministry of Tourism (MoT) has formulated a National Strategy for Eco-Tourism. A National Board for Sustainable Tourism has also been constituted under the chairpersonship of Secretary (Tourism), comprising of representatives from identified Central Ministries/ organizations, State Governments/ Union Territory Administrations and Industry Stakeholders to guide the operationalisation and implementation of various strategic initiatives for development of sustainable tourism and Eco-tourism in the Country.

MoT under Swadesh Darshan Scheme '(SDS)' has sanctioned 76 projects for development of tourism infrastructure in the Country under various themes including Eco-theme. The list of projects sanctioned under Eco-theme of SDS by MoT is annexed. The Ministry has also sanctioned one project, 'Development of Anandpur Sahib - Fatehgarh Sahib - Chamkaur Sahib - Ferozpur - Amritsar - Khatkar Kalan – Kalanour – Patiala' for Rs.94.51 Crore under heritage theme of Swadseh Darshan Scheme.

The Ministry has now revamped its Swadesh Darshan scheme as Swadesh Darshan 2.0 (SD2.0) with the objective to develop sustainable and responsible tourism destinations, following a tourist & destination centric approach. Kapurthala in Punjab has been selected as one of the destination for development under SD2.0.

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**ANNEXURE****STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 297 ANSWERED ON 08.12.2022 REGARDING ECO FRIENDLY TOURISM**

The list of projects sanctioned by Ministry of Tourism under Eco-theme of Swadesh Darshan Scheme.

(Amt. in crore)

<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Name of State</b>	<b>Year</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	87.03
3.	Kerala	(2015-16)	Development of Pathanamthitta-Gavi- Vagamon- Thekkady.	64.08	61.24
4.	Mizoram	(2016-17)	Development of Eco-Adventure Circuit at Aizawl -Rawpuichhip - Khawhphawp - Lengpui - Durtlang -Chatlang- Sakawrhमितuitlang - Muthee - Beratlawng -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	93.92	88.58
6.	Jharkhand	(2018-19)	Development of Dalma- Chandil- Getalsud- BetlaNational park- Mirchaiya- Netarhat	30.11	26.37

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