

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.5973
ANSWERED ON 10.04.2017**

DEVELOPMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FOREST TOURISM

5973. SHRI KANWAR SINGH TANWAR:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any scheme has been formulated to promote wildlife and forest tourism in the country;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with its scope in various States including Uttar Pradesh;**
- (c) whether any requests from State Governments and public representatives have been received for developing forest areas as tourist places; and**
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government thereon, State/UT-wise and the funds provided by the Government for promoting wildlife and forest tourism during the financial year 2015-16 and 2016-17, State/UT-wise?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)

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(a) to (d): For Integrated Development of Theme-Based Tourist Circuits in the country including wildlife and forest areas, the Ministry of Tourism has launched Swadesh Darshan Scheme in 2014-15. Under Swadesh Darshan scheme thirteen thematic circuits have been identified for development namely; North-East India Circuit, Buddhist Circuit, Himalayan Circuit, Coastal Circuit, Krishna Circuit, Desert Circuit, Tribal Circuit, Eco Circuit, Wildlife Circuit, Rural Circuit, Spiritual Circuit, Ramayana Circuit and Heritage Circuit.

Under the scheme Central Financial Assistance is provided mainly for development/creation of tourism related infrastructure in wildlife/forest areas such as construction of tourist facilitation/information centres, development of entrance area in buffer zone, camping sites, canopy walk, nature/eco/forest trails, board walks, landscaping, watch towers/machaans, interpretation centres, rain shelters, eco log huts, adventure/water sports facilities/equipment, solar lighting, signages, last mile connectivity, public conveniences, sewage treatment plant, open air theatre/amphi-theaters etc.

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

The State/UT-wise detail of the projects sanctioned during the financial year 2015-16 and 2016-17 under Swadesh Darshan Scheme is annexed.

ANNEXURE**STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.5973 ANSWERED ON 10.04.2017 REGARDING DEVELOPMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FOREST TOURISM****THE STATE/UT-WISE DETAIL OF THE PROJECTS SANCTIONED DURING THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2015-16 AND 2016-17 UNDER SWADESH DARSHAN SCHEME****(Rs. in crore)**

Sl. No.	State/UT	Name of the Circuit	Name of the Project	Amt. Sanctioned	Amount released
Year 2015-16					
1.	Manipur	North-East India Circuit	Development of Tourist Circuit in Manipur: Imphal-Moirang- Khongjom-Moreh.	89.66	44.83
2.	Sikkim	North-East India Circuit	Development of Tourist Circuit linking Rangpo (entry) – Rorathang-Aritar-Phadamchen-Nathang-Sherathang-Tsongmo- Gangtok-Phodong-Mangan-Lachung-Yumthang-Lachen- Thangu-Gurudongmer-Mangan-Gangtok-Tumin Lingee-Singtam (exit) in Sikkim.	98.05	49.02
3.	Uttarakhand	Eco Circuit	Integrated Development of Eco-Tourism, Adventure Sports, Associated Tourism related Infrastructure for Development of Tehri Lake & Surroundings as New Destination-District Tehri, Uttarakhand.	80.37	40.19
4.	Rajasthan	Desert Circuit	Development of Sambhar Lake Town and Other Destinations in	63.96	30.70

			Rajasthan under Desert Circuit.		
5.	Nagaland	Tribal Circuit	Development of Tribal Circuit Peren- Kohima- Wokha, Nagaland	97.36	48.68
6.	Madhya Pradesh	Wildlife Circuit	Development of Wildlife Circuit at Panna-Mukundpur- Sanjay-Dubri- Bandhavgarh-Kanha- Mukki-Pench in Madhya Pradesh.	92.22	41.92
7.	Andhra Pradesh	Coastal Circuit	Development of Coastal Tourism Circuit in Sri Potti Sriramalu Nellore under Swadesh Darshan Scheme in Andhra Pradesh.	60.38	12.08
8.	Telangana	Eco Circuit	Integrated Development of Eco Tourism Circuit in Mahaboobnagar district, Telangana.	91.62	18.32
9.	Kerala	Eco Circuit	Development of Pathanamthitta – Gavi – Vagamon – Thekkady as Eco Tourism Circuit in Idduki and Parhanamthitta Districts in Kerala.	99.22	19.84
10.	Mizoram	North-East India Circuit	Integrated Development of New Eco Tourism under Swadesh Darshan – North East Circuit at Thenzawl & South Zote, District Serchhip and Reiek, Mizoram.	94.91	47.45
11.	Assam	Wildlife Circuit	Development of Manas – Probitora – Nameri – Kaziranga – Dibru – Saikhowa as Wildlife Circuit in Assam.	95.67	19.13

12.	Puducherry	Coastal Circuit	Development of Union Territory of Puducherry as Tourist Circuit under “Swadesh Darshan” Scheme (Coastal Circuit)	85.28	17.06
13.	Arunachal Pradesh	North-East India Circuit	Integrated Development of New Adventure Tourism in Arunachal Pradesh	97.14	48.57
14.	Tripura	North-East India Circuit	Development of North East Circuit : Agartala - Sipahijala - Melaghar - Udaipur - Amarpur - Tirthamukh - Mandirghat - Dumboor- NarikelKunja - Gandachara - Ambassa in Tripura	99.59	46.23
15.	West Bengal	Coastal Circuit	Development of Beach Circuit – Udaipur - Digha – Shankarpur – Tajpur – Mandarmani – Fraserganj – Bakkhlai -Henry Island in West Bengal	85.39	17.08
16.	Chhattisgarh	Tribal Circuit	Development of Tribal Tourism Circuit in Jashpur-Kunkuri- Mainpat- Ambikapur- Maheshpur -Ratanpur- Kurdar-Sarodadadar Gangrel- Kondagaon – Nathyanawagaon - Jagdalpur Chitrakoot - Tirthgarh in Chhattisgarh.	99.94	19.99
17.	Maharashtra	Coastal Circuit	Development of Sindhudurg Coastal Circuit in Maharashtra under Swadesh Darshan Scheme.	82.17	12.79
Total of 2015-16				1512.93	533.88
Year 2016-17					
18.	Goa	Coastal	Development of	99.99	45.57

		Circuit	Coastal Circuit (Sinquerim-Baga, Anjuna-Vagator, Morjim-Keri, Aguada Fort and Aguada Jail) in Goa.		
19.	Jammu & Kashmir	Himalayan Circuit	Integrated Development of Tourism Infrastructure Projects in the State of Jammu and Kashmir.	82.97	16.59
20.	Telangana	Tribal Circuit	Integrated Development of Mulugu-Laknavaram- Medavaram-Tadvai- Damaravi –Mallur – Bogatha Waterfalls as Tribal Circuit in Telangana.	84.40	16.88
21.	Meghalaya	North- East India Circuit	Development of Umium (Lake View), U Lum Sohpetbneng Mawdiangdiang – Orchid Lake Resort, Meghalaya.	99.13	19.83
22.	Madhya Pradesh	Buddhist Circuit	Development of Buddhist Circuit in Sanchi-Satna-Rewa- Mandsaur-Dhar in Madhya Pradesh.	74.94	14.99
23.	Kerala	Spiritual Circuit	Development of Sabarimala - Erumeli- Pampa-Sannidhanam as a Spiritual Circuit in District Pathanamthitta, Kerala.	99.99	20.00
24.	Karnataka	Coastal Circuit	Development of Coastal Circuit in Dakshin Kannada Dist, Uttar Kannada Dist & Udupi Dist in Karnataka.	95.67	19.13
25.	Manipur	Spiritual Circuit	Development of Spiritual Circuit – Shri	53.80	10.76

			Govindajee Temple, Shri Bijoy Govindajee Temple – Shri Gopinath Temple – Shri Bungshibodon Temple – Shri Kaina Temple, Manipur.		
26.	Gujarat	Heritage Circuit	Development of Heritage Circuit in Ahmedabad-Rajkot-Porbandar –Bardoli-Dandi in Gujarat.	93.48	18.70
27.	Haryana	Krishna Circuit	Development of Tourism Infrastructures at places related to Mahabharata in Kurukshetra, Haryana.	97.35	19.47
28.	Rajasthan	Krishna Circuit	Integrated Development of Govind Dev ji temple (Jaipur), Khatu Shyam Ji (Sikar) and Nathdwara (Rajsamand) in Rajasthan.	91.45	18.29
29.	Sikkim	North-East India circuit	Development of Tourist Circuit Linking Singtam – Maka-Temi-Bermoik Tokel-Phongia-Namchi – Jorthang-Okharey-Sombaria-Daramdin-Jorethang-Melli (Exit) in Sikkim.	95.32	19.06
30.	Madhya Pradesh	Heritage circuit	Development of Heritage Circuit (Gwalior – Orchha – Khajuraho – Chanderi – Bhimbetka – Mandu) Madhya Pradesh	99.77	19.95
31.	Kerala	Spiritual Circuit	Development of Sree Padmanabha Arnamula-Sabrimala-as a Spiritual Circuit in Kerala	92.44	18.49
32.	Bihar	Spiritual	Development of Jain	52.39	10.48

		circuit	Circuit: Vaishali-Arrah-Masad-Patna-Rajgir-Pawapuri-Champapuri as Spiritual Circuit in Bihar.		
33.	Bihar	Spiritual circuit	Integrated Development of Kanwaria Route: Sultanganj – Dharmshala- Deoghar under Spiritual circuit in Bihar.	52.35	10.47
34.	Odisha	Coastal circuit	Development of Gopalpur, Barkul, Satapada and Tampara as Coastal circuit in Odisha.	76.49	15.30
35.	Nagaland	Tribal circuit	Development of Tribal circuit (Mokokchung–Tuensang-Mon) in Nagaland	99.67	19.93
36.	Uttarakhand	Heritage circuit	Integrated Development of Heritage Circuit in Kumaon Region – Katarmal –Jogeshwar-Bairnath-Devidhura in Uttarakhand.	81.94	16.39
37.	Jammu & Kashmir	Himalayan Circuit	Integrated Development of Tourist Facilities at Jammu-Rajouri-Shopian-Pulwama under Himalayan Circuit theme in J&K.	96.38	19.28
38.	Jammu & Kashmir	Himalayan Circuit	Integrated Development of Tourist Facilities under the Construction of Assets in lieu of those Destroyed in Floods in 2014 under PM Development Package for J&K	98.70	19.74

39.	Jammu & Kashmir	Himalayan Circuit	Integrated Development of Tourist facilities at Mantalai-Sudhmahadev-Patnitop under Himalayan Circuit Theme in J&K.	97.82	19.56
40.	Jammu & Kashmir	Himalayan Circuit	Integrated Development of Tourist Facilities at Anantnag- Kishtwar-Pahalgam – Daksum – Ranjit Sagar Dam under Himalayan Circuit Theme in J&K.	96.39	19.28
41.	Jammu & Kashmir	Himalayan Circuit	Integrated Development of Tourist Facilities at Gulmarg-Baramulla-Kupwara-Leh Circuit under Himalayan Circuit Theme in J&K.	96.93	19.38
42.	Uttar Pradesh	Buddhist Circuit	“Development of Buddhist Circuit – Srawasti, Kushinagar, & Kapilvastu in Uttar Pradesh.	99.97	19.99
43.	Uttar Pradesh	Ramayana Circuit	Development of Chitrakoot and Shringverpur as Ramayana Circuit in Uttar Pradesh	69.45	13.89
44.	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	Coastal Circuit	Development of Coastal Circuit (Long Island-Ross Smith Island- Neil Island-Havelock Island-Baratang Island-Port Blair) in Andaman & Nicobar under Coastal thematic circuit of Swadesh Darshan Scheme.	42.19	8.44
45.	Tamil Nadu	Coastal Circuit	Development of Coastal Circuit (Chennai-Mamamallapuram –	99.92	19.98

			Rameshwaram – Manpadu – Kanyakumari) in Tamil Nadu under Swadesh Darshan Scheme		
46.	Uttar Pradesh	Spiritual Circuit	Development of Spiritual Circuit (Shahjahanpur- Allahabad-Basti- Ahar- Aligharh-Kasgunj- Sarosi-Pratapgarh- Unnao-Kaushambi- Mirzapur-Gorakpur- Kairana- Doamriyagunj- Bagpat-Barabanki- Azamgarh)	76.00	15.20
47.	Uttar Pradesh	Spiritual Circuit	Development of Spiritual Circuit – II(Bijnor- Meerut- Kanpur- Kanpur Dehat- Banda- Ghazipur- Salempur- Ghosi- Balia- Ambedkar Nagar- Aligarh- Fatehpur- Deoria- Mahoba- Sonbhadra- Chandauli- Mishrikh- Bhadohi) in Uttar Pradesh under Swadesh Darshan Scheme	62.96	12.59
48.	Uttar Pradesh	Heritage Circuit	Development of Heritage Circuit (Kalinjar Fort (Banda)- Marhar Dham (Sant Kabir Nagar)- Chauri Chaura, Shaheed Sthal (Fatehpur)- Mavahar Sthal (Ghosi)- Shaheed Smarak (Meerut) in Uttar Pradesh under Swadesh Darshan Scheme	41.51	8.30
49.	Bihar	Buddhist Circuit	Development of Buddhist circuit- Construction of	98.73	19.75

			Cultural Centre at Bodhgaya, Bihar		
50.	Assam	Heritage Circuit	Development of Tezpur – Majuli – Sibsagar as Heritage Circuit in Assam under Swadesh Darshan scheme	98.35	19.67
51.	Himachal Pradesh	Himalayan Circuit	Integrated Development of Himalayan Circuit in Himachal Pradesh under Swadesh Darshan scheme	99.76	19.95
52.	Mizoram	Eco Circuit	Development of Eco-Adventure Circuit Aizawl -Rawpuichhip – Khawhphawp – Lengpui – Durtlang – Chatlang- Sakawrhmutuaitlang - Muthee – Beratlawng -Tuirial Airfield – Hmuifang” under Eco circuit theme of Swadesh Darshan Scheme	99.07	19.81
53.	Rajasthan	Spiritual Circuit	Development of Spiritual Circuit– Churu (Salasar Balaji)– Jaipur (Shri Samode Balaji, Ghatke Balaji, Bandheke Balaji)- Alwar (Pandupole Hanumanji, Bharathari)- Viratnagar (Bijak, Jainnasiya, Ambika Temple)- Bharatpur (Kaman Region)- Dholpur (Muchkund) – Mehandipur Balaji- Chittorgarh (Sanwaliyaji) in Rajasthan under Swadesh Darshan scheme	93.90	18.78

54.	Gujarat	Heritage Circuit	Development of Heritage circuit: Vadnagar- Modhera and Patan in Gujarat under Swadesh Darshan Scheme	99.81	15.66
Total of 2016-17				3191.38	659.53
