

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.437  
ANSWERED ON 18.12.2017**

**ECO-TOURISM PROJECTS**

**437. DR. RATNA DE (NAG):**

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

- (a) whether the Government has implemented any eco-tourism projects during the last two years;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor along with the funds allocated in this regard;**
- (c) whether the Government has evaluated the scheme that it will generate more income for local communities; and**
- (d) if so, the details and the findings thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?**

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)  
(SHRI K. J. ALPHONS)**

**(a) to (b): Eco Circuit is one of the fifteen thematic circuits identified for development under Swadesh Darshan Scheme. The state-wise list of projects along with the funds sanctioned under the Eco Circuit theme of Swadesh Darshan Scheme is as under:**

**(Rs. in crore)**

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Name of State/Year of Sanction</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Amt. Sanctioned</b>
<b>1.</b>	<b>Uttarakhand (2015-16)</b>	<b>Integrated Development of Eco-Tourism, Adventure Sports, Associated Tourism related Infrastructure for Development of Tehri Lake &amp; Surroundings as New Destination-District Tehri,</b>	<b>80.37</b>

		<b>Uttarakhand.</b>	
<b>2.</b>	<b>Telangana (2015-16)</b>	<b>Integrated Development of Eco Tourism Circuit in Mahaboobnagar district, Telangana.</b>	<b>91.62</b>
<b>3.</b>	<b>Kerala (2015-16)</b>	<b>Development of Pathanamthitta-Gavi- Vagamon- Thekkady as Eco Tourism Circuit in Idduki and Pathanamthitta Districts in Kerala.</b>	<b>99.22</b>
<b>4.</b>	<b>Mizoram (2016-17)</b>	<b>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.</b>	<b>99.07</b>
<b>5.</b>	<b>Madhya Pradesh (2017-18)</b>	<b>Development of Gandhisagar Dam- Mandleshwar Dam- Omkareshwar Dam- Indira Sagar Dam- Tawa Dam- Bargi Dam- Bheda Ghat- Bansagar Dam- Ken River under Eco circuit theme of Swadesh Darshan Scheme.</b>	<b>99.62</b>

**(c) to (d): Mid-term evaluation of Swadesh Darshan Scheme was carried out by National Productivity Council (NPC) in April - May 2017. As per the report submitted by NPC, the projects sanctioned under the scheme are stated to be well conceived with a view to develop world class tourist infrastructure at the selected Circuits besides generating local employment opportunities.**

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