

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA  
STARRED QUESTION NO.†\*490  
ANSWERED ON 02.04.2018**

**ECO CIRCUIT PROJECTS**

**†\*490. SHRI CHANDRA PRAKASH JOSHI:**

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

- (a) the objectives of the Government behind setting up Eco Circuit along with the date from which it has been implemented;**
- (b) the details along with the names of the projects sanctioned under Eco Circuit in the country, State/UT-wise including Rajasthan;**
- (c) whether the Government has received any proposal from Rajasthan seeking inclusion of Sita Mata sanctuary under the said projects; and**
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government thereon?**

**ANSWER**

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

**(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the table of the House.**

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**STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.†\*490 ANSWERED ON 02.04.2018 REGARDING ECO CIRCUIT PROJECTS.**

**(a) to (b): For integrated development of theme based tourist circuits in the country, Ministry of Tourism has launched Swadesh Darshan Scheme in 2014-15 with an objective to enhance tourist attractiveness in holistic and sustainable manner. Eco Circuit is one of the fifteen thematic circuits identified for development under the scheme.**

**The State/UT-wise details of projects sanctioned under Eco Circuit theme of the above scheme are as under:**

**(Rs. in crore)**

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>State/ Sanction Year</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, Uttarakhand.</b>	<b>80.37</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 Parhanamthitta Districts in Kerala.</b>	<b>90.06</b>
<b>4.</b>	<b>Mizoram (2016-17)</b>	<b>Development of Eco-Adventure Circuit Aizawl -Rawpuichhip – Khawhphawp – Lengpui – Durtlang – Chatlang- Sakawrhmutuaitlang -</b>	<b>99.07</b>

		<b>Muthee – Beratlawng -Tuirial Airfield – Hmuifang under Eco circuit theme of Swadesh Darshan Scheme.</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): The Government of Rajasthan has submitted a project proposal for Development of Sariska (Alwar)-Kailadevi Wildlife Sanctuary (Karauli)-Kumbhalgarh Wildlife Sanctuary & Raoli Tadgarh Wildlife Sanctuary (Rajasamand)-Mount Abu Wildlife Sanctuary (Sirohi)- Jalana Safari Park (Jaipur)- Sitamata Wildlife Sanctuary (Pratapgarh) under Eco Circuit theme of Swadesh Darshan Scheme in January 2018.**

**(d): The major components of the above proposal at Sitamata Wildlife Sanctuary include Entry Gates, Camping Site, Toilets Blocks, Boating facilities, Tourist Facility Centre, Viewpoints, Parking, Approach Road/Tourist Safari and Signages to the tune of Rs.4.30 crore.**

**Submission of proposals by State Governments/UT Administrations under the scheme is a continuous process and projects are sanctioned subject to availability of funds, submission of suitable detailed project reports, adherence to scheme guidelines and utilization of funds released earlier. Based on above parameters, the Ministry will evaluate the project.**

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