

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1535
ANSWERED ON 05.03.2018**

PROMOTION OF ECO-TOURISM

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SHRIMATI MEENAKASHI LEKHI:**

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) the schemes launched by the Government to promote eco-tourism in the country along with the details of funds allocated in this regard during the last three years, State/UT-wise;**
- (b) the details of projects taken up/proposed to be undertaken to promote eco-tourism in Andhra Pradesh including in the East and West Godavari districts which are richly endowed by natural beauty, indicating the Central financial assistance provided for each such project;**
- (c) the details of the progress made so far on each of these projects;**
- (d) the revenue generated through these projects so far and the employment provided therefrom project-wise; and**
- (e) the details of the projects further envisaged for development of eco-tourism in the Godavari district of Andhra Pradesh?**

ANSWER

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

(a) to (e): Eco Circuit is one of the fifteen thematic circuits identified for development under Swadesh Darshan Scheme- Integrated development of theme- based tourist circuits in the country. The submission of proposals by the State Governments/UT Administrations under the scheme is a continuous process. The projects are sanctioned subject to availability of funds, submission of suitable detailed project reports, adherence to scheme guidelines and utilization of funds released earlier.

The details of projects sanctioned for development of eco circuit theme and to Andhra Pradesh under Swadesh Darshan Scheme is annexed.

All the projects are at different stages of implementation. The Ministry provides central financial assistance as one time grant for creation of capital assets under the Swadesh Darshan Scheme in phased manner. Based on the progress made on the projects and utilization certificate received from the State Governments, Ministry releases subsequent installments of funds and the details of the same is annexed.

The operation and maintenance of the facilities/assets created is the responsibility of respective State Government/Union Territory. The Revenue generated, if any, from these assets does not accrue to the Ministry. The completion of the projects sanctioned under the scheme would result in increased tourist inflow thereby creating employment opportunities for the local community.

ANNEXURE**STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1535 ANSWERED ON 05.03.2017 REGARDING PROMOTION OF ECO-TOURISM.****THE DETAILS OF PROJECTS SANCTIONED FOR DEVELOPMENT OF ECO CIRCUIT THEME AND TO ANDHRA PRADESH UNDER SWADESH DARSHAN SCHEME****(Rs. in crore)**

Sl. No.	Name of State	Circuit/ Year	Project Name	Amt. Sanctioned	Amt. Released
1.	Uttarakhand	Eco Circuit (2015-16)	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	64.30
2.	Telangana	Eco Circuit (2015-16)	Integrated Development of Eco Tourism Circuit in Mahaboobnagar district, Telangana	91.62	45.81
3.	Kerala	Eco Circuit (2015-16)	Development of Pathanamthitta - Gavi - Vagamon - Thekkady as Eco Tourism Circuit in Idduki and Parhanamthitta Districts in Kerala	90.06	49.61
4.	Mizoram	Eco Circuit (2016-17)	Development of Eco-Adventure Circuit Aizawl -Rawpuichhip - Khawhphawp - Lengpui - Durtlang - Chatlang-Sakawrhmutuaitlang - Muthee -	99.07	44.63

			Beratlawng -Tuirial Airfield – Hmuifang” under Eco circuit theme of Swadesh Darshan Scheme		
5.	Madhya Pradesh	Eco Circuit (2017-18)	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	99.62	19.92
6.	Andhra Pradesh	Coastal Circuit (2014-15)	Development of Kakinada Hope Island Konaseema as World Class Coastal & Eco Tourism Circuit in Andhra Pradesh	69.83	55.86
7.	Andhra Pradesh	Coastal Circuit (2015-16)	Development of Coastal Tourism Circuit in Sri Potti Sriramalu Nellore under Swadesh Darshan Scheme in Andhra Pradesh	60.38	44.30
8.	Andhra Pradesh	Buddhist Circuit (2017-18)	Development of Buddhist Circuit: Shalihundam- Thotlakonda- Bavikonda- Bojjanakonda- Amravati- Anupu in Andhra Pradesh under the theme of Buddhist Circuit of Swadesh Darshan Scheme	52.34	10.47
