

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3742  
ANSWERED ON 19.03.2018**

**ECO-TOURISM AROUND FRESH WATER LAKES**

**3742. SHRI KUNWAR PUSHPENDRA SINGH CHANDEL:**

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to build eco-tourism around the freshwater lakes in the country, particularly in Mahoba district of Uttar Pradesh;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the plan of the Government to develop such eco-friendly spots surrounding the lakes;**
- (c) whether the Government has received consultation projects from Uttar Pradesh in this regard; and**
- (d) if so, the details thereof?**

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)**

**(SHRI K.J. ALPHONS)**

**(a) to (d): The Ministry of Tourism has launched the Swadesh Darshan scheme for Integrated Development of Theme Based Tourism Circuits. Eco-Circuit is one of the thematic circuits under the scheme which aims to create nature and environment friendly destinations, including around lakes, for the global and domestic tourists to appreciate the diverse eco-tourism products in India. The submission of proposals by the State Governments/UT Administrations under the scheme is a continuous process and 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 Ministry of Tourism has sanctioned the project 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 2016-17 which includes Development of Madan Sagar, Kirat Sagar and Rawatpur Temple in Mahoba District of Uttar Pradesh around fresh water lakes.**

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