

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2266
ANSWERED ON 24.12.2018**

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR DEVELOPMENT OF ECO-TOURISM

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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has implemented any eco-tourism projects during the last three years, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;**
- (b) the funds allocated to the State Governments and expenditure incurred in this regard during the last three years, year-wise and State-wise including Maharashtra;**
- (c) whether any evaluation has been done by the Government to check whether eco-tourism resulted in generating increased income in the local communities including marginalized, SC/ST, rural and particularly women-led Haats/Fairs and local crafts;**
- (d) if so, the details thereof including per capita economic benefits accrued to each community; and**
- (e) whether in respect of Eco-tourism, National Tourism Policy of 2002 is relevant upto what extent in the current scenario, considering the advent of Forest Rights Act, 2006 and other challenges of population and pollution and if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)

(SHRI K.J. ALPHONS)

(a) and (b): The Ministry of Tourism under Swadesh Darshan Scheme provides Central Financial Assistance to State Governments/Union Territory (UT) Administrations/Central Agencies

for development of thematic tourist circuits in the country. Under the scheme fifteen thematic circuits have been identified for development, namely, Eco Circuit, Wildlife Circuit, North-East Circuit, Himalayan Circuit, Desert Circuit, Coastal Circuit, Tribal Circuit, Rural Circuit, Buddhist Circuit, Krishna Circuit, Spiritual Circuit, Ramayana Circuit, Heritage Circuit, Tirthankar Circuit and Sufi Circuit.

The details of projects sanctioned under the scheme including the State of Maharashtra during the last three years including the current year are given at the Annexure.

(c) and (d): The Ministry has not carried out any study for evaluation of impact of eco-tourism activities on local communities.

(e): The National Tourism Policy 2002 emphasizes on development of eco-tourism in the country with focus on elimination of poverty & unemployment, creation of new skills, enhancement of status of women, preservation of cultural heritage, encouragement of tribal and local crafts, and improving overall environment. The Policy is still relevant as it rests upon the basic principles of sustainability.

ANNEXURE**STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) AND (b) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2266 ANSWERED ON 24.12.2018 REGARDING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR DEVELOPMENT OF ECO-TOURISM**

The details of projects sanctioned under the scheme of Swadesh Darshan including the State of Maharashtra during the last three years including the current year are as below:

(Rs. in crore)

Sl. No.	State/UT	Name of the Circuit	Name of the Project	Amount Sanctioned	Amount Released
Year 2015-16					
1.	Manipur	North-East Circuit	Development of Tourist Circuit in Manipur: Imphal-Khongjom	72.23	61.32
2.	Sikkim	North-East Circuit	Development of Tourist Circuit linking Rangpo (entry) – Rorathang- Aritar- Phadamchen- Nathang- Sherathang- Tsongmo- Gangtok-Phodong- Mangan- Lachung- Yumthang- Lachen- Thangu-Gurudongmer- Mangan- Gangtok- TuminLingee- Singtam (exit) in Sikkim.	98.05	78.44
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.	70.92	64.30
4.	Rajasthan	Desert Circuit	Development of Sambhar Lake Town and Other Destinations in Rajasthan under Desert Circuit.	63.96	46.99
5.	Nagaland	Tribal Circuit	Development of Tribal Circuit Peren- Kohima- Wokha, Nagaland	97.36	72.05
6.	Madhya Pradesh	Wildlife Circuit	Development of Wildlife Circuit at Panna- Mukundpur- Sanjay- Dubri- Bandhavgarh- Kanha- Mukki- Pench in Madhya Pradesh.	92.22	73.78

7.	Andhra Pradesh	Coastal Circuit	Development of Coastal Tourism Circuit in Sri Potti Sriramalu Nellore under Swadesh Darshan Scheme in Andhra Pradesh.	59.70	44.30
8.	Telangana	Eco Circuit	Integrated Development of Eco Tourism Circuit in Mahaboobnagar district, Telangana.	91.62	67.09
9.	Kerala	Eco Circuit	Development of Pathanamthitta-Gavi-Vagamon-Thekkady as Eco Tourism Circuit in Idduki and Pathanamthitta Districts in Kerala.	76.55	61.24
10.	Mizoram	North-East Circuit	Integrated Development of New Eco Tourism under Swadesh Darshan-North East Circuit at Thenzawl & South Zote, District Serchhip and Reiek, Mizoram.	94.91	75.92
11.	Assam	Wildlife Circuit	Development of Manas-Probitora-Nameri-Kaziranga-Dibru-Saikhowa as Wildlife Circuit in Assam.	95.67	47.84
12.	Puducherry	Coastal Circuit	Development of Union Territory of Puducherry as Tourist Circuit under Swadesh Darshan Scheme (Coastal Circuit)	85.28	38.43
13.	Arunachal Pradesh	North-East Circuit	Integrated Development of New Adventure Tourism in Arunachal Pradesh	97.14	77.71
14.	Tripura	North-East Circuit	Development of North East Circuit : Agartala - Sipahijala - Melaghar - Udaipur - Amarpur-Tirthamukh- Mandirghat-Dumboor- Narikel Kunja-Gandachara- Ambassa in Tripura	99.59	49.79
15.	West Bengal	Coastal Circuit	Development of Beach Circuit: Udaipur- Digha-Shankarpur- Tajpur-Mandarmani- Fraserganj-Bakhlai- Henry Island in West Bengal	85.39	42.69
16.	Chhattisgarh	Tribal Circuit	Development of Tribal Tourism Circuit in Jashpur- Kunkuri-Mainpat- Ambikapur-Maheshpur -Ratanpur-	99.21	49.97

			Kurdar-Sarodadadar-Gangrel- Kondagaon-Nathiya Nawagaon-Jagdalpur- Chitrakoot-Tirthgarh in Chhattisgarh.		
17.	Maharashtra	Coastal Circuit	Development of Sindhudurg Coastal Circuit in Maharashtra under Swadesh Darshan Scheme.	82.17	12.79
Total of 2015-16				1461.97	964.65
Year 2016-17					
18.	Goa	Coastal Circuit	Development of Coastal Circuit (Sinquerim-Baga, Anjuna-Vagator, Morjim-Keri, Aguada Fort and Aguada Jail) in Goa.	99.99	79.99
19.	Jammu & Kashmir	Himalayan Circuit	Integrated Development of Tourism Infrastructure Projects in the State of Jammu and Kashmir.	82.97	41.48
20.	Telangana	Tribal Circuit	Integrated Development of Mulugu-Laknavaram-Medavaram- Tadvai-Damaravi- Mallur- Bogatha Waterfalls as Tribal Circuit in Telangana.	84.40	42.20
21.	Meghalaya	North-East Circuit	Development of Umium (Lake View), U Lum Sohpetbneng Mawdiangdiang – Orchid Lake Resort, Meghalaya.	99.13	73.69
22.	Madhya Pradesh	Buddhist Circuit	Development of Buddhist Circuit in Sanchi-Satna-Rewa-Mandsaur-Dhar in Madhya Pradesh.	74.94	37.47
23.	Kerala	Spiritual Circuit	Development of Sabarimala - Erumeli-Pampa-Sannidhanam as a Spiritual Circuit in District Pathanamthitta, Kerala.	99.99	20.00
24.	Manipur	Spiritual Circuit	Development of Spiritual Circuit – Shri Govindajee Temple, Shri Bijoy Govindajee Temple – Shri Gopinath Temple – Shri Bungshibodon Temple – Shri Kaina Temple, Manipur.	53.80	40.14
25.	Gujarat	Heritage Circuit	Development of Heritage Circuit in Ahmedabad-Rajkot- Porbandar – Bardoli- Dandi in Gujarat.	93.48	42.13

26.	Haryana	Krishna Circuit	Development of Tourism Infrastructures at places related to Mahabharata in Kurukshetra, Haryana.	97.35	48.67
27.	Rajasthan	Krishna Circuit	Integrated Development of Govind Dev ji temple (Jaipur), Khatu Shyam Ji (Sikar) and Nathdwara (Rajsamand) in Rajasthan.	91.45	45.72
28.	Sikkim	North-East Circuit	Development of Tourist Circuit Linking Singtam-Maka- Temi-Bermoik Tokel- Phongia- Namchi – Jorthang- Okharey-Sombaria-Daramdin-Jorethang- Melli (Exit) in Sikkim.	95.32	47.66
29.	Madhya Pradesh	Heritage Circuit	Development of Heritage Circuit (Gwalior – Orchha – Khajuraho – Chanderi – Bhimbetka – Mandu) Madhya Pradesh	99.77	49.89
30.	Kerala	Spiritual Circuit	Development of Sree Padmanabha Arnamula-Sabrimala-as a Spiritual Circuit in Kerala	92.44	44.75
31.	Bihar	Tirthankar Circuit	Development of Tirthankar Circuit: Vaishali- Arrah-Masad- Patna- Rajgir-Pawapuri- Champapuri in Bihar.	52.39	26.19
32.	Bihar	Spiritual Circuit	Integrated Development of Kanwaria Route: Sultanganj – Dharmshala-Deoghar under Spiritual circuit in Bihar.	52.35	26.17
33.	Odisha	Coastal Circuit	Development of Gopalpur, Barkul, Satapada and Tampara as Coastal circuit in Odisha.	76.49	15.30
34.	Nagaland	Tribal Circuit	Development of Tribal circuit (Mokokchung-Tuensang-Mon) in Nagaland	99.67	49.83
35.	Uttarakhand	Heritage Circuit	Integrated Development of Heritage Circuit in Kumaon Region – Katarmal – Jogeshwar-Baijnath-Devidhura in Uttarakhand.	81.94	40.97
36.	Jammu & Kashmir	Himalayan Circuit	Integrated Development of Tourist Facilities at Jammu-Rajouri-Shopian-Pulwama under Himalayan Circuit theme in	96.38	48.19

			J&K.		
37.	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	74.70
38.	Jammu & Kashmir	Himalayan Circuit	Integrated Development of Tourist facilities at Mantalai- Sudhmahadev-Patnitop under Himalayan Circuit Theme in J&K.	97.82	19.56
39.	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	48.19
40.	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
41.	Uttar Pradesh	Buddhist Circuit	Development of Buddhist Circuit – Srawasti, Kushinagar, & Kapilvastu in Uttar Pradesh.	99.97	19.99
42.	Uttar Pradesh	Ramayana Circuit	Development of Chitrakoot and Shringverpur as Ramayana Circuit in Uttar Pradesh	69.45	31.38
43.	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
44.	Tamil Nadu	Coastal Circuit	Development of Coastal Circuit (Chennai-Mamamallapuram – Rameshwaram – Manpadu – Kanyakumari) in Tamil Nadu under Swadesh Darshan Scheme	99.92	45.24
45.	Uttar Pradesh	Spiritual Circuit	Development of Spiritual Circuit (Shahjahanpur-Basti- Ahar-Aligharh-Kasgunj-Sarosi-	68.39	33.86

			Pratapgarh-Unnao- Kaushambi- Mirzapur- Gorakpur- Kairana- Doamriyagunj- Bagpat- Barabanki- Azamgarh)		
46.	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	63.77	50.33
47.	Uttar Pradesh	Heritage Circuit	Development of Heritage Circuit(Kalinjar Fort (Banda)- MarharDham (SantKabir Nagar)- ChauriChaura, Shaheed Sthal (Fatehpur)- Mavahar Sthal (Ghosi)- Shaheed Smarak (Meerut) in Uttar Pradesh under Swadesh Darshan Scheme	34.82	18.76
48.	Bihar	Buddhist Circuit	Development of Buddhist circuit- Construction of Cultural Centre at Bodhgaya, Bihar	98.73	19.75
49.	Assam	Heritage Circuit	Development of Tezpur – Majuli – Sibsagar as Heritage Circuit in Assam under Swadesh Darshan scheme	98.35	19.67
50.	Himachal Pradesh	Himalayan Circuit	Integrated Development of Himalayan Circuit in Himachal Pradesh under Swadesh Darshan scheme	99.76	19.95
51.	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	49.53
52.	Rajasthan	Spiritual Circuit	Development of Spiritual Circuit– Churu (Salasar Balaji)– Jaipur (Shri Samode Balaji, Ghat ke Balaji, Bandhe ke Balaji)-	93.90	43.69

			Alwar (Pandupole Hanumanji, Bharathari)-Viratnagar (Bijak, Jainnasiya, Ambika Temple)- Bharatpur (Kaman Region)- Dholpur (Muchkund) – MehandipurBalaji-Chittorgarh (Sanwaliyaji) in Rajasthan under Swadesh Darshan scheme		
53.	Gujarat	Heritage Circuit	Development of Heritage circuit: Vadnagar- Modhera and Patan in Gujarat under Swadesh Darshan Scheme	99.81	79.85
Total of 2016-17				3082.22	1422.71
Year 2017-18					
54.	Bihar	Rural Circuit	Development of Gandhi Circuit: Bhitiharwa-Chandrahia- Turkaulia in Bihar under Rural Circuit theme of Swadesh Darshan Scheme	44.65	8.93
55.	Goa	Coastal Circuit	Development of Coastal Circuit II: Rua De Orum Creek - Don Paula -Colva - Benaulim in Goa under Swadesh Darshan Scheme	99.35	19.87
56.	Gujarat	Buddhist Circuit	Development of Buddhist circuit: Junagadh- Gir Somnath- Bharuch-Kutch-Bhavnagar- Rajkot-Mehsana in Gujarat under Swadesh Darshan scheme	35.99	7.20
57.	Puducherry	Heritage Circuit	Development of Heritage Circuit in Puducherry under Swadesh Darshan Scheme.	66.35	13.27
58.	Puducherry	Spiritual Circuit	Development of Spiritual Circuit in Puducherry under Swadesh Darshan Scheme	40.68	8.14
59.	Rajasthan	Heritage Circuit	Development of Heritage Circuit (Rajsamand (Kumbhalgarh Fort)- Jaipur (Nahargarh Fort)- Alwar (BalaQuila)- Sawai Madhopur (Ranthambore Fort and Khandar Fort)- Jhalawar (Gagron Fort)- Chittorgarh (Chittorgarh Fort) Jaisalmer (JaisalmerFort) Hanumangarh	99.60	49.80

			(Kalibangan, Bhatner Fort and Gogamedi)- Jalore (Jalore Fort)- Udaipur (Pratap Gaurav Kendra)- Dholpur (Bagh-i-Nilofar and Purani Chawni)- Nagaur(Meera Bai Temple) in Rajasthan under Swadesh Darshan Scheme.		
60.	Telangana	Heritage Circuit	Development of Heritage Circuit: Qutub Shahi Heritage Park- Paigah Tombs- Hayat Bakshi Mosque- Raymond's Tomb in Telangana under Swadesh Darshan Scheme	99.42	44.83
61.	Bihar	Spiritual Circuit	Development of Mandar Hill & Ang Pradesh under Spiritual Circuit theme of Swadesh Darshan Scheme.	53.49	10.70
62.	Madhya Pradesh	Eco Circuit	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	49.81
63.	Uttar Pradesh	Ramayana Circuit	Development of Ayodhya under Ramayana Circuit theme of Swadesh Darshan Scheme	133.31	63.20
64.	Andhra Pradesh	Buddhist Circuit	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
Total of 2017-18				824.8	286.22
Year 2018-19					
65.	Maharashtra	Spiritual Circuit	Development of Waki- Adasa- Dhapewada- Paradsingha- Chota Taj Bagh- Telankhandi- Girad in Maharashtra	54.01	0.00
66.	--	Buddhist Circuit and Ramayana	Development of Wayside Amenities in Buddhist Circuit and Ramayana Circuit: Varanasi-Gaya;	18.10	0.00

		Circuit	Lucknow-Ayodhya- Lucknow; Gorakhpur- Kushinagar; Kushinagar- Gaya- Kushinaga		
67.	Uttar Pradesh	Spiritual Circuit	Development of Jewar- Dadri-Sikandrabad-Noida- Khurja-Banda in Uttar Pradesh	14.52	0.00
68.	Jharkhand	Eco Circuit	Development of Eco Circuit: Dalma- Chandil- Getalsud- Betla national park- Mirchaiya- Netarhat in Jharkhand	52.72	0.00
69.	Tripura	North East Circuit	Development of North East circuit: Surma Cherra- Unakoti- Jampui Hills- Gunabati-Bhunaneshwari- Matabari- Neermahal- Boxanagar- Chotta khola- Pilak- Avangchaarra in Tripura	65.00	0.00
70.	Punjab	Heritage Circuit	Development of Heritage Circuit: Anandpur Sahib – Fatehgarh Sahib – Chamkaur Sahib – Ferozpur – Amritsar – Khatkar Kalan – Kalanour - Patiala in Punjab	99.95	0.00
71.	Kerala	Rural Circuit	Development of Rural Circuit: Malanad Malabar Cruise Tourism Project in Kerala	80.37	0.00
			Total of 2018-19	384.67	0.00
GRAND TOTAL				5753.66	2673.58
