

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO.*49
ANSWERED ON 06.02.2023**

DEVELOPMENT OF ECO-TOURISM CIRCUIT

***49. SHRI RAJENDRA AGRAWAL:**

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of eco-tourism circuit developed under Swadesh Darshan Scheme (SDS) in the country including Uttar Pradesh;**
- (b) the funds sanctioned for the said circuit in last three years;**
- (c) the number of projects in Uttar Pradesh which are not completed in the said circuit and the time by which it is likely to be completed;**
- (d) whether the Government is considering to include Hastinapur Wildlife Sanctuary in consultation with State Government in the said circuit of SDS; and**
- (e) if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM

(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. *49 ANSWERED ON 06.02.2013 REGARDING DEVELOPMENT OF ECO-TOURISM CIRCUIT.

(a) to (e): The Ministry of Tourism, Government of India launched 'Swadesh Darshan Scheme' (SDS) in the year 2014-15 for integrated development of Theme-Based Tourist Circuits in the country. This Ministry has sanctioned a total of 76 projects under SDS for an amount of Rs. 5315.59 Crore across the country under identified thematic circuits including 8 projects in Uttar Pradesh, however no project has been sanctioned under Eco-tourism circuit in the State of Uttar Pradesh.

The details of the projects sanctioned under eco-tourism circuit of Swadesh Darshan Scheme in the country is as under: -

S.No.	Name of State	Year of sanction	Project Name	Amt. Sanctioned (Rs. in crore)
1.	Uttarakhand	(2015-16)	Development of Tehri-Chamba- Sarain around Tehri Lake.	69.17
2.	Telangana	(2015-16)	Development of Mahaboobnagar districts (Somasila, Singotam, Kadalaivanam, Akkamahadevi, Egalanpanta, Farahabad, Uma Maheshwaram, Mallelatheertham)	91.62
3.	Kerala	(2015-16)	Development of Pathanamthitta- Gavi-Vagamon- Thekkady.	64.08
4.	Mizoram	(2016-17)	Development of Aizawl - Rawpuichhip -	66.37

			Khawhphawp - Lengpui - Durtlang -Chatlang- Sakawrhmutuaitlang - Muthee - Beratlawng - Tuirial Airfield - Hmuifang	
5.	Madhya Pradesh	(2017-18)	Development of Gandhisagar Dam- Mandleshwar Dam- Omkareshwar Dam- Indira Sagar Dam- Tawa Dam- Bargi Dam- Bheda Ghat- Bansagar Dam- Ken River	93.92
6.	Jharkhand	(2018-19)	Development of Dalma- Betla National park- Mirchaiya- Netarhat	30.11

The Swadesh Darshan scheme is now being implemented by the Ministry of Tourism as Swadesh Darshan 2.0 (SD2.0) with the objective to develop sustainable and responsible tourism destinations following a destination and tourism-centric approach. The SD2.0 Scheme guidelines envisage for selection of Destinations based on State Perspective Plan (SPP) prepared by the States. The SPP submitted by the State Government of Uttar Pradesh does not include development of Hastinapur Wildlife Sanctuary. However, as of now 'Prayagraj' has been identified as a destination for development under SD2.0 in the State of Uttar Pradesh.
