

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2120
ANSWERED ON 02.12.2019**

PROMOTION OF ECO-TOURISM IN ODISHA

2120. SHRI SAPTAGIRI SANKAR ULAKA:

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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to promote Eco-tourism in various States of the country including Odisha and Andhra Pradesh;**
- (b) if so, the details of the Schemes formulated for this purpose and the measures taken by the Government to promote eco-tourism along with the revenue generated during the last four years;**
- (c) the places identified by the Government for promotion of eco-tourism;**
- (d) whether some State Governments have requested for additional funds to carry out various tourism projects in the State and if so, the details thereof, State-wise including Odisha and Andhra Pradesh; and**
- (e) whether Somasila Reservoir and Siddavattam projects have also been included in the list and the details of the funds earmarked for this purpose?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)

(SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL)

(a) to (e): The Ministry of Tourism promotes India as a holistic destination under the Incredible India brand-line. As part of its on-going activities, the Ministry releases print, electronic, online and outdoor media campaigns in the international and domestic markets, to promote various tourism destinations and products

including Eco-tourism sites in the country. In addition, the Indiatourism Offices in India and overseas disseminate information and undertake various promotional activities with the objective of showcasing the varied tourist destinations and products of the country.

Eco circuit has also been identified as one of the fifteen thematic circuits for development in the country under the Swadesh Darshan Scheme. Ministry does not maintain information on revenue generated through tourism in India. However, the Foreign Exchange Earnings through Tourism in India during 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018 were Rs.1,34,844 Crore, Rs.1,54,146 Crore, Rs.1,77,874 Crore and Rs. 1,94,881 Crore (Provisional), respectively.

The projects under the Swadesh Darshan scheme are identified for development in consultation with the State Governments / Union Territory Administrations and are sanctioned subject to availability of funds, submission of suitable detailed project reports, adherence to scheme guidelines and utilization of funds released earlier. Submission of project proposals by the State Governments and its sanctioning is a continuous process.

Ministry has sanctioned the project Development of Eco Tourism Circuit in Mahaboobnagar District in Telangana in 2016-17 for Rs.91.62 Crores. Under the project Somasila Reservoir is one of the site taken up for development. The development works at Somasila includes Eco Log Huts, Floating Jetty, Pathways, Landscaping, Parking, signage's, Boating Facility, Solid Waste Management, Tourist Amenities Building, Solar Lighting, Tourist Facilitation Centre, Open Plaza, Water Sports etc. for Rs. 28.71 Crores. No project has been sanctioned for development of Siddavattam in Andhra Pradesh

The details of projects sanctioned under the Eco Circuit theme and for Odisha under the scheme are annexed.

ANNEXURE**STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2120 ANSWERED ON 02.12.2019 REGARDING PROMOTION OF ECO-TOURISM IN ODISHA.****THE DETAILS OF PROJECTS SANCTIONED UNDER ECO TOURISM CIRCUIT AND FOR ODISHA UNDER THE SWADESH DARSHAN SCHEME****(Rs. in crores)**

Sl. No	State	Project	Amount Sanctioned
1.	Uttarakhand 2015-16	Development of Eco Circuit: Tehri Lake & Surroundings - Sirain - Koti - Chamba - New Tehri	70.92
2.	Telangana 2015-16	Development of Eco Circuit: Somasila Reservoir - Singotam Reservoir - Akka Mahadevi Caves - Kadali Yanam - Srisailam - Farahabad - Mallelateertham - Uma Maheshwari Temple in Mahaboobnagar District.	91.62
3.	Kerala 2015-16	Development of Eco Circuit: Angamoozhy - Kochandy Zone - Arnamudi - Echopara - Kochumpamba - Gavi- Vagamon- Thekkady in Idduki and Pathanamthitta Districts	76.55
4.	Odisha 2016-17	Development of Coastal Circuit: Gopalpur, Barkul, Satapada and Tampara	70.82
5.	Mizoram 2016-17	Development of Eco Circuit : Aizawl - Rawpuichhip - Khawhphawp - Lengpui - Durtlang - Chatlang- Sakawrhmutuaitlang - Muthee - Beratlawng -Tuirial Airfield - Hmuifang	99.07
6.	Madhya Pradesh 2017-18	Development of Eco Circuit : Gandhisagar Dam- Mandleshwar Dam- Omkareshwar Dam- Indira Sagar Dam- Tawa Dam- Bargi Dam- Bheda Ghat- Bansagar Dam- Ken River	99.62
7.	Jharkhand 2018-19	Development of Eco Circuit : Dalma- Makulakocha - Pendrabeda - Chandil- Getalsud- Betla National Park- Mirchaiya- koel River point - Netarhat	52.72
