

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1739  
ANSWERED ON 02.03.2020**

**PROMOTION OF ECO-TOURISM IN BIHAR**

**1739. SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY:**

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

- (a) whether the Government has taken any steps to involve the local community in contributing to the overall economic development of the national parks and wildlife reserves in the country and if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) whether the Government has any proposal under its consideration for promotion of eco-tourism in the State of Bihar and if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) the details of all the ongoing eco-tourism projects in the country by the Union and State Governments, State-wise along with amount sanctioned, progress so far and timeline for completion; and**
- (d) whether the Government is offering any incentives to private sector for promotion of eco-tourism in the country and if so, the details thereof?**

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)  
(SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL)**

**(a): Ministry of Tourism under the Swadesh Darshan Scheme is developing thematic tourist circuits in the country in a planned and prioritized manner. One of the objective of the scheme is to provide job opportunities to local community by developing the tourism infrastructure in the identified circuits.**

**(b): Eco and Wildlife are among the 15 thematic circuits identified for development under the Swadesh Darshan Scheme. Submission of project proposals by the State Governments under the scheme**

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

**(c): Ministry has not received any proposal from the Government of Bihar under Eco Circuit. The details of projects sanctioned under the Eco Circuit theme are annexed.**

**(d): Ministry of Tourism (MoT) is offering incentive in the form of Market Development Assistance (MDA) for Promotion of Domestic Tourism to private sector in the country to tourism service providers, viz., hoteliers, travel agents, tour operators, tourist transport operators etc. approved by the MoT**

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**ANNEXURE****STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PART (C) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1739 ANSWERED ON 02.03.2020 REGARDING PROMOTION OF ECO-TOURISM IN BIHAR****DETAILS OF PROJECTS SANCTIONED UNDER THE ECO CIRCUIT THEME OF SWADESH DARSHAN SCHEME:****(Amt. in crore)**

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Name of State</b>	<b>Name of Circuit &amp; Year</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Amt. Sanctioned</b>	<b>Amt. Released</b>
<b>1.</b>	<b>Uttarakhand</b>	<b>Eco Circuit (2015-16)</b>	<b>Development of Circuit at Tehri-Chamba-Sarain around Tehri Lake.</b>	<b>70.92</b>	<b>64.30</b>
<b>2.</b>	<b>Telangana</b>	<b>Eco Circuit (2015-16)</b>	<b>Development of Circuit in Mahaboobnagar districts (Somasila, Singotam, Kadalaivanam, Akkamahadevi, Egalanpanta, Farahabad, Uma Maheshwaram, Mallelatheertham)</b>	<b>91.62</b>	<b>73.30</b>
<b>3.</b>	<b>Kerala</b>	<b>Eco Circuit (2015-16)</b>	<b>Development of Pathanamthitta-Gavi-Vagamon-Thekkady.</b>	<b>76.55</b>	<b>61.24</b>
<b>4.</b>	<b>Mizoram</b>	<b>Eco Circuit (2016-17)</b>	<b>Development of Eco-Adventure Circuit at</b>	<b>99.07</b>	<b>49.53</b>

			<b>Aizawl -</b> <b>Rawpuichhip -</b> <b>Khawhphawp -</b> <b>Lengpui -</b> <b>Durtlang -</b> <b>Chatlang-</b> <b>Sakawrhmitu</b> <b>aitlang -</b> <b>Muthee -</b> <b>Beratlawng -</b> <b>Tuirial Airfield</b> <b>- Hmuifang</b>		
<b>5.</b>	<b>Madhya Pradesh</b>	<b>Eco Circuit (2017-18)</b>	<b>Development of Gandhisagar Dam-</b> <b>Mandleshwar Dam-</b> <b>Omkareshwar Dam- Indira Sagar Dam-</b> <b>Tawa Dam-</b> <b>Bargi Dam-</b> <b>BhedaGhat-</b> <b>Bansagar Dam-</b> <b>Ken River</b>	<b>99.62</b>	<b>79.70</b>
<b>6.</b>	<b>Jharkhand</b>	<b>Eco Circuit (2018-19)</b>	<b>Development of Dalma-</b> <b>Chandil-</b> <b>Getalsud- Betla National park-</b> <b>Mirchaiya-</b> <b>Netarhat</b>	<b>52.72</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Total</b>				<b>490.5</b>	<b>328.07</b>

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