

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2380  
ANSWERED ON 13.12.2021**

**SETTING UP OF ECO-TOURISM CENTRES IN WEST BENGAL**

**2380. DR. SUKANTA MAJUMDAR:**

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

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal to promote eco-tourism in the country;**
- (b) if so, the Eco-Circuits identified in the country including West Bengal, district-wise;**
- (c) whether the Government has received any proposal for setting up of eco-tourism centres from the Government of West Bengal;**
- (d) if so, the details thereof;**
- (e) whether there is a vast scope to promote eco-tourism in West Bengal; and**
- (f) if so, the details of other measures/steps taken to develop and boost eco-tourism in various States of the country including West Bengal?**

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF TOURISM**

**(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)**

**(a) & (b): Promotion and Development of tourism, including Eco Tourism, is the primary responsibility of the State Governments/UT Administrations. However, Ministry of Tourism provides financial assistance under Swadesh Darshan Scheme for development of Eco Circuits in the country.**

**The details of the projects sanctioned under the Eco Circuit theme of Swadesh Darshan Scheme in the country are given at Annexure.**

**(c) & (d): 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 Government and its sanctioning is a continuous process. No project proposal has been sanctioned in the State of West Bengal for setting up of Eco-Tourism Centres in the State.**

**(e) & (f): Eco-tourism is a growing segment of the travel and tourism industry in India including West Bengal. Ministry of Tourism has formulated a Draft National Strategy and Roadmap for Sustainable Tourism with focus on eco-tourism and adventure tourism.**

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**ANNEXURE****STATEMENT IN REPLY OF PARTS (a) & (b) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2380 ANSWERED ON 13.12.2021 REGARDING SETTING UP OF ECO-TOURISM CENTRES IN WEST BENGAL.****PROJECTS SANCTIONED UNDER ECO-TOURISM CIRCUIT OF SWADESH DARSHAN SCHEME****(Rupees in crore)**

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Name of State</b>	<b>Year of sanction</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Amount Sanctioned</b>	<b>Amount Released</b>
<b>1.</b>	<b>Uttarakhand</b>	<b>2015-16</b>	<b>Development of Circuit at Tehri-Chamba - Sarain around Tehri Lake.</b>	<b>69.17</b>	<b>65.71</b>
<b>2.</b>	<b>Telangana</b>	<b>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>87.04</b>
<b>3.</b>	<b>Kerala</b>	<b>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>2016-17</b>	<b>Development of Eco-Adventure Circuit at Aizawl - Rawpuichhip - Khawhphawp - Lengpui - Durtlang - Chatlang - Sakawrhmutuaitlang - Muthee - Beratlawng - Tuirial Airfield - Hmuifang</b>	<b>66.37</b>	<b>49.53</b>
<b>5.</b>	<b>Madhya Pradesh</b>	<b>2017-18</b>	<b>Development of Gandhi sagar Dam - Mandleshwar Dam - Omkareshwar Dam - Indira Sagar Dam- Tawa Dam - Bargi Dam - Bheda Ghat- Bansagar Dam - Ken River</b>	<b>94.61</b>	<b>79.70</b>
<b>6.</b>	<b>Jharkhand</b>	<b>2018-19</b>	<b>Development of Dalma - Chandil - Getalsud - BetlaNational park - Mirchaiya - Netarhat</b>	<b>52.72</b>	<b>15.07</b>
			<b>Total</b>	<b>451.04</b>	<b>358.29</b>

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