

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.†2450
ANSWERED ON 15.12.2025**

PROMOTION OF WILDLIFE AND FOREST TOURISM

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SHRI NILESH DNYANDEV LANKE:**

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is a huge potential available for wildlife and forest tourism in the country particularly in Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh;**
- (b) if so, the steps taken to tap the tourism potential across various States of the country including Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh; and**
- (c) the measures proposed/implemented to promote various districts of Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh as a major destination for eco-tourism to explore wildlife and forest tourism?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a) to (c): The Ministry of Tourism promotes India in a holistic manner, through various initiatives. As part of on-going activities; promotion of wildlife tourism in forest areas in the country, including Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh, is also taken up. The Ministry of Tourism also regularly promotes wildlife tourism through its website and social media promotions.

In order to provide impetus for development of wildlife tourism in the country, Ministry of Tourism has formulated a National Strategy for Development of Ecotourism which was circulated to the State Governments / UT Administrations.

Ministry of Tourism under its scheme of Swadesh Darshan has identified thematic circuits for development, including Wildlife and Eco Circuits. These circuits cover National Parks, Wildlife Sanctuaries and Reserves in the country. The central financial assistance is being extended according to guidelines and based on proposals / detailed project reports received from the States and UT Governments. The details of the projects sanctioned under the Eco and Wildlife Circuits of Swadesh Darshan Scheme in various States/UTs is given at Annexure.

ANNEXURE

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.†2450 ANSWERED ON 15.12.2025 REGARDING PROMOTION OF WILDLIFE AND FOREST TOURISM RAISED BY SHRI GYANESHWAR PATIL, DR. SHIVAJI BANDAPPA KALGE, SHRI BHUMARE SANDIPANRAO ASARAM AND SHRI NILESH DNYANDEV LANKE

The list of the projects sanctioned under Eco and Wildlife Circuits of Swadesh Darshan scheme is as under:-

Eco Circuit				(Rs. in Crore)
S. No.	State/UT	Circuit / Sanction Year	Name of the Project	Amount Sanctioned
1.	Jharkhand	Eco Circuit 2018-19	Development of Eco Tourism circuit: Dalma-Betla National park-Mirchaiya- Netarhat	30.44
2.	Kerala	Eco Circuit 2015-16	Development of Pathanamthitta- Gavi-Vagamon- Thekkady	64.08
3.	Madhya Pradesh	Eco Circuit 2017-18	Development of Gandhisagar Dam- Mandleshwar Dam- Omkareshwar Dam- Indira Sagar Dam- Tawa Dam- Bargi Dam- Bheda Ghat- Bansagar Dam- Ken River	93.76
4.	Mizoram	Eco Circuit 2016-17	Development of Eco-Adventure Circuit Aizawl - Rawpuichhip - Khawhphawp - Lengpui - Chatlang- Sakawrhmutuaitlang - Muthee - Beratlawng - Tuirial Airfield - Hmuifang	66.37
5.	Telangana	Eco Circuit 2015-16	Development of Eco Tourism Circuit in Mahaboobnagar district	91.62

6.	Uttarakhand	Eco Circuit 2015-16	Integrated Development of Eco-Tourism, Adventure Sports, and Associated Tourism Related Infrastructure for Development of Tehri Lake & Surroundings as New Destination-District Tehri	69.17
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Wildlife Circuit

(Rs. in Crore)

S. No.	State/ UT	Circuit / Sanction Year	Name of the Project	Amount Sanctioned
1.	Assam	Wildlife Circuit 2015-16	Development of Manas-Probitora-Nameri-Kaziranga- Dibru- Saikhowa	94.68
2.	Madhya Pradesh	Wildlife Circuit 2015-16	Development of Wildlife Circuit at Panna-Mukundpur-Sanjay- Dubri-Bandhavgarh-Kanha- Mukki- Pench	92.10
