

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1378
ANSWERED ON 07.12.2015**

ECO-TOURISM

1378. ADV. M. UDHAYAKUMAR:

SHRI RAJU SHETTY:

SHRI NALIN KUMAR KATEEL:

DR. RAMESH POKHRIYAL "NISHANK":

SHRI S.P. MUDDAHANUME GOWDA:

SHRI KUNWAR PUSHPENDRA SINGH CHANDEL:

SHRIMATI KOTHAPALLI GEETHA:

SHRI J.C. DIVAKAR REDDY:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is formulating any policy/guidelines for the promotion of eco-tourism and eco-tourism projects in the country and if so, the details thereof along with the locations developed as eco-tourism places across the country, State/UT-wise including Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Hilly and Tribal areas of the country;**
- (b) the details of Central financial assistance allocated and the expenditure incurred on the promotion of eco-tourism during the last five years, State/UT-wise, year-wise and project-wise;**
- (c) whether the Government has received proposals from the State Governments for the development and promotion of eco-tourism;**
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the status of the proposals, State/UT-wise; and**
- (e) the details of employment generated under eco-tourism-cum-nature programme during the last three years, State/UT-wise?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)

(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

(a) to (e): Yes, Madam. The Ministry of Tourism has taken several initiatives to boost tourism including Eco-tourism in the country.

However, promotion and development of tourism including Eco-tourism is the responsibility of the State Governments and Union Territory Administrations. The Ministry of Tourism provides Central Financial Assistance (CFA) for tourism infrastructure projects including Eco-tourism projects that are complete as per existing scheme guidelines and are sanctioned subject to availability of scheme/funds and utilization of funds released earlier. The amount sanctioned for eco-tourism projects to the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations under Central Financial Assistance during the last five years is given in the Annexure.

The following initiatives are taken by the Ministry to boost Eco-tourism in the country:

- (i) Evolved & adopted Comprehensive Sustainable Tourism Criteria for India (STCI) for three major segments of the tourism industry, namely accommodation, tour operators, and Beaches, Backwaters, Lakes & Rivers sectors, applicable for the entire country.**
- (ii) Guidelines for approval of Hotel Projects at the implementation stage and also for Classification/Re-classification of operational hotels under various categories mandate incorporation of various eco-friendly measures like installation of Sewage Treatment Plant, Rain water Harvesting, Waste Management System, Pollution Control and Introduction of non-Chlorofluorocarbon equipment for refrigeration and air conditioners, energy and water conservation measures.**
- (iii) Promoting Eco-Tourism, inter-alia through domestic and international campaigns and also by supporting seminars, conference and events focusing on development of Eco-Tourism in the country, from time to time.**
- (iv) Ministry has launched “Swadesh Darshan scheme” for development of theme based tourist circuits on principles of high tourist value, competitiveness and sustainability in an integrated manner by synergizing efforts to focus on needs and concerns of all stakeholders to enrich tourist experience and enhance employment opportunities. One of the themes on which circuits are to be developed is Eco Tourism Circuit. Following Eco-tourism proposals are received in the Ministry:**

Sl. No.	State	Name of the Project
1	Telangana	Integrated Development of Eco Tourism circuit in Mahaboobnagar District
2	Chhattisgarh	Integrated Development of Eco Tourism circuit in Rajmergarh–Kabir Chabutra-Achanakmar Tiger Reserve- Kurdar-Sirpur-Kodar Dam-Gangrel Dam-Kanger Vally National Park
3	Kerala	Integrated Development of Eco Tourism circuit in Gavi – Pathanamthitta

ANNEXURE**STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1378 ANSWERED ON 07.12.2015 REGARDING ECO-TOURISM.**

State-wise/UT Administration-wise and Project-wise of Central Financial Assistance allocated and the expenditure incurred on the promotion of Eco-Tourism infrastructure during the last five years i.e., 2010-11, 2011-12, 2012-13, 2013-14 & 2014-15:

(Rs. in lakh)

Sl. No	Year	Name of the Project	Amount Sanctioned	Amount Released	Amount Utilized
ANDHRA PRADESH					
1	2010-11	Development of Eco Tourism Centre at Ananthagiri Ranga Reddy District, Andhra Pradesh	404.51	404.51	404.51
2	2011-12	Development of Eco-Tourism Centre at Orvakallu, Kurnool district	486.35	486.35	486.35
3	2013-14	Development of Eco-Park at Kakinada	437.00	87.40	87.40
4		Development of Eco-Tourism Facilities at Coringa, East Godavari District	474.42	94.88	94.88
5		Development of Eco-Park at Kadiyam, East Godavari District	295.56	59.11	59.11
6	2014-15	Restoration & Reconstruction of Tourism Infrastructure at Borra Caves as a major Eco and Adventure Tourism Centre of Visakhapatnam District: Post HudHud Cyclone Programme. (Tribal Head)	96.12	19.22	0.00
7		Restoration & Reconstruction of Tourism Infrastructure at TYDA Jungle Bells, as a Major Eco and Adventure tourism Centre, Visakhapatnam District: Post HudHud Cyclone Programme (Tribal Head).	387.63	77.52	0.00
8		Restoration & Reconstruction of Tourism Infrastructure at Valley Resort, Araku as a major Eco and Adventure	198.39	39.67	0.00

		Tourism Centre of Visakhapatnam District : Post HudHud Cyclone Programme (Tribal Head).			
ARUNACHAL PRADESH					
1.	2010-11	Construction of Eco-Tourism at Tego Gamlin village, West Siang, AP	370.65	370.65	370.65
2.	2011-12	Construction of Eco-Tourism at Hukanjuri under Deomali Sub-Division.	487.93	487.93	487.93
3.	2012-13	Eco-Tourism at Kone Gipong area under Dambuk sub division of Lower Dibang Valley District.	468.43	468.43	468.43
4.	2013-14	Development of Eco-Tourism Circuit at Loki-Partung-Taluaak in East Siang District	791.31	158.26	0.00
5.	2014-15	Construction of Eco-Tourism at Huru Pahar Roing	500.00	100.00	0.00
CHANDIGARH					
1.	2010-11	Infrastructure up-gradation at Eco-Tourism park-cum-botanical Garden and creation and strengthening of Tourism infrastructure at Patila ki Rao and Lake Dhanas in Chandigarh	313.32	250.65	250.65
JAMMU & KASHMIR					
1	2011-12	Creation of Tourism infrastructure for day camping Eco-Tourism and pilgrim tourism at park gatha, Khanitop, Seoj, Padri and pilgrim destination at Bhaderwah in J&K	466.57	373.25	233.28
2	2012-13	Eco friendly development of Shutkadi Base Camp to Vishansat (High Altitude Himalayan Lake) by Sonamarg Development Authority	406.37	325.09	203.20
KARNATAKA					
1	2010-11	Development of Eco-Tourism Resort at Khanapur, Forest, Belgaum District in Karnataka	440.32	440.32	440.32
2		Pilikula Nisargsdhama Eco Tourism Resort in Karnataka	419.65	419.65	419.65

3	2013-14	Development of eco-tourism in the Northern Circuit (Bhadra Phase-II)	500.00	100.00	0.00
4		Development of eco-tourism resort at Apsarakonds in Honnavar Taluk, Uttara Kannada district	500.00	100.00	0.00
KERALA					
1	2013-14	Development of Eco-camping circuits and caravan parks in Kerala	593.06	5.00	5.00
MAHARASHTRA					
1	2013-14	Development of Dhapewada/Paradsinga as Eco-Tourism and pilgrimage centre at Dhapewada, District Nagpur	780.17	624.13	156.03
2		Development of Bhandara-Gondia-Nagpur Eco Tourism as Mega Circuit	4532.66	906.53	0.00
MANIPUR					
1	2010-11	Eco-Tourism complex at Thangal Senapati District in Manipur	310.85	248.68	248.68
2	2012-13	Ningthem Pukhri Imphal-Eco-Tourism complex, Imphal East distt.	413.52	82.70	44.70
3	2013-14	Integrated Tourist Destination of Eco-Tourism Complex at Mata Mualtam Hyde out Park, Churachandpur district	489.17	97.83	97.83
MIZORAM					
1	2013-14	Development of Theme Park and Eco-Tourism at Lungleng Mizoram	800.00	160.00	0.00
2	2014-15	Integrated Development of Eco-Tourism Mega Circuit at Thenzawl District Serchhip, Mizoram.	4829.69	241.48	0.00
NAGALAND					
1	2010-11	Integrated tourist destination of Eco and adventure cultural hub at Akito in Nagaland	434.70	347.76	360.80*
2		Integrated tourist Eco-adventure & cultural circuit Changtongya-Mingkong-Noksen-Tobu-Shatuya in Nagaland	784.70	784.70	784.70

3		Integrated tourist destination Eco adventure cultural hub Chizami in Nagaland	500.00	500.00	500.00
4	2013-14	Eco- Adventure and Culture Destination at Kuhuboto, Nagaland	500.00	100.00	331.63 *
RAJASTHAN					
1	2010-11	CFA for infrastructure development of Eco-Tourism destination Kumbhalgarh-Todgarh-Raoli Rankpur as tourist destination	594.55	475.64	475.64
TELANGANA					
1	2013-14	Development of Eco-Tourism Project at Alisagar, Nizamabad District	383.27	76.65	78.00*
2	2014-15	Development of Durgam Cheruvu Area along with other Down Stream Lakes as Eco Tourism Destination in Hyderabad, Telangana	454.36	90.87	0.00
UTTAR PRADESH					
1	2011-12	Eco-Tourism at Shahpur, Sultanpur in UP	226.65	181.32	181.32
UTTARAKHAND					
1	2010-11	Development of Eco-Tourism on Purola-Netwar-Harkidun Circuit in Uttarakhand	700.85	560.68	647.26*
2		Development of Eco-Huts at Auli, District Chamoli.	461.62	369.29	461.62*
3		Development of Eco-Tourism at Back Waters of Tehri Lake,	496.74	397.39	397.39
4	2011-12	Development of Nirmal gangotri Eco-Tourism Mega Circuit at Uttarakashi.	5000.00	25000.00	2500.00
5		Development of Eco-Tourism at Sat Tal,	494.79	395.83	409.96*
6		Development of Eco- Tourism at Almora,	490.80	392.64	395.27*
7		Development of Eco Tourism at Abbott Mount, District Champawat,	495.70	395.56	396.71*
8		Development of Eco-Tourism at Lasdowne	495.95	495.95	495.95
9	2012-13	Development of Integrated Eco-Tourism Circuit (Bageshwar-Baijnath-Loharkhet) in District Bageshwar	800.00	640.00	640.00
10	2013-14	Development of Water Sports and Eco Tourism at Maneri, Uttarkashi	498.22	99.64	299.64*

11		Development of Eco Tourism around Holy Dargah of Hazrat Alauddin Ali Ahmed Al Sabir (Sabir Kaliyar) near Haridwar	798.92	639.13	179.79
12		Development of Kurur-Nand Kesari Van/Wan-Bedni Jheel Heritage & Eco Tourism Circuit- Integrated Circuit Development for Eco & Adventure Tourism, District Chamoli.	800.00	160.00	0.00
13		Development of Nauti-Kansawa- Chandpur- Garhi-Sem Heritage & ECO-Tourism Circuit	800.00	160.00	0.00
14		Development of River Rafting Center, Eco Tourism and Adventure Center at Jaul Jibi, Distt. Pithoragarh	499.54	99.90	0.00
15		Development of Day Safari Adventure & Eco-Tourism Circuit, Sitabani, Ramnagar	799.32	159.86	0.00
16		Development of Ramnagar-Kosi Eco-Tourism Circuit between Ramnagar and Nainital	799.05	159.81	0.00
17		Development of Dugadda-Sendhikhal-Vatanvasa Eco Tourism Circuit, District Pauri	799.78	159.96	0.00
18		Infrastructure Development at Kausani- Someshwar- Tea Estate as an Eco- Tourism and Tea Tourism Circuit, District Almora	799.84	159.97	0.00
19		Development of River Rafting Center and Eco- Tourism Destination, Tons River Valley, Mori, District Uttarkashi	499.02	99.80	0.00
20		Development of Eco- Tourism at Back Waters of Tehri Lake	498.79	99.76	105.00 *
WEST BENGAL					
1	2010-11	Destination tourism of Buxaduar (Eco Tourism) in West Bengal.	394.00	315.20	295.78
2	2011-12	Destination Tourism Project at Sunderbans, 24 Parganas (South)	488.53	390.82	372.21

*** The State Government has submitted Utilization Certificate (UC) in excess by spending from the State Funds.**
