

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO.†*241
ANSWERED ON 07.08.2023**

DEVELOPMENT OF ECO-TOURISM CIRCUITS UNDER SDS

**†*241.SHRI RAJENDRA AGRAWAL:
SHRI RAMESH CHANDRA MAJHI:**

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the Eco-Tourism Circuits developed in the country including Uttar Pradesh and Odisha under the Swadesh Darshan Scheme (SDS);**
- (b) the funds sanctioned for the said tourism circuits during the last three years;**
- (c) the number of projects in Uttar Pradesh and Odisha under the said tourism circuit which are not completed yet and the date by which the said projects are likely to be completed;**
- (d) whether the Government proposes to cover Hastinapur Wildlife Sanctuary and Nabarangpur Wildlife Sanctuary in the said circuit under SDS in consultation with the State Government; and**
- (e) if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM

(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.†*241 ANSWERED ON 07.08.2023 REGARDING DEVELOPMENT OF ECO-TOURISM CIRCUITS UNDER SDS

(a) to (e): The Ministry of Tourism, Government of India launched ‘Swadesh Darshan Scheme’ (SDS) in the year 2014-15 for integrated development of Theme-Based Tourist Circuits in the country. This Ministry has sanctioned a total of 76 projects for an amount of ₹ 5303.64 crore across the country under various identified thematic circuits of SDS including 08 projects in Uttar Pradesh and 01 project in Odisha. A total of 06 projects have been sanctioned under the Eco Circuit theme of SDS in different States for a total amount of ₹ 415.11 crore, the detail of these projects are as under:

(Amount in ₹ Crore)

S. No.	Name of State	Year of sanction	Project Name	Amount Sanctioned
1.	Uttarakhand	2015-16	Integrated Development of Eco-Tourism, Adventure Sports, Associated Tourism related Infrastructure for Development of Tehri Lake & Surroundings as New Destination-District Tehri, Uttarakhand.	69.17
2.	Telangana	2015-16	Development of Circuit in Mahaboobnagar districts (Somasila, Singotam, Kadalaivanam, Akkamahadevi, Egalanpanta, Farahabad, Uma Maheshwaram, Mallelatheertham)	91.62

3.	Kerala	2015-16	Development of Pathanamthitta- Gavi- Vagamon- Thekkady.	64.08
4.	Mizoram	2016-17	Development of Eco-Adventure Circuit at Aizawl - Rawpuichhip - Khawhphawp - Lengpui - Chatlang- Sakawrhmutuaitlang - Muthee - Beratlawng -Tuirial Airfield - Hmuifang	66.37
5.	Madhya Pradesh	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
6.	Jharkhand	2018-19	Development of Eco Tourism circuit: Dalma- Betla National park- Mirchaiya- Netarhat	30.11
Total				415.11

‘Swadesh Darshan Scheme’ (SDS) has been revamped as ‘Swadesh Darshan 2.0 (SD2.0)’ with the objective to develop sustainable and responsible tourism destinations. The scheme guidelines envisage selection for Destinations based on State Perspective Plan (SPP) prepared by the States. The SPP submitted by the State Government of Uttar Pradesh and also Odisha did not included Hastinapur or Nabarangpur Wildlife Sanctuaries for development. However, the Ministry of Tourism has identified ‘Prayagraj’ & ‘Naimisharanya’ in Uttar Pradesh and ‘Koraput’ in Odisha as destinations for development under SD2.0.
