

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
TOURISM AND CULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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DEVELOPMENT OF ECO-TOURISM  
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**Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether State/Union Territories have been requested to identify the places for development of Eco-Tourism in their State/Union Territory;

(b) if so, the details in this regard; and

(c) the number of places identified for this purpose, State/U.T wise?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTHKUMAR)

(a): Yes Sir,

(b) & (c): The Central Department of Tourism has formulated the policy and guidelines for Eco-Tourism in India in the year 1998. Central Financial Assistance is extended to Eco- friendly tourism projects prioritised in consultation with the State/Union Territory Governments. The following Eco- friendly tourism projects were sanctioned:

Sr.No.	Name of Project	Amount sanctioned
1.	Eco-tourism facilities at Kemmangundi, Chickmagalur District, Karnataka.	45.00
2.	Eco-tourism resort at Banarghatta National Park near Bangalore.	48.00
3.	Integrated Development of Road Linkage from Thekkady to Munnar in Kerala.	100.00
4.	Eco-friendly silent generator at Thekkady, Kerala.	38.09
5.	Construction of Trekking Base Camp at Kuldiha, Orissa.	45.00
6.	Development of Environment Presentation Scheme at Kufri, Himachal Pradesh.	25.91
7	Promotion of Eco-tourism Centre at Pichavaram, Tamil Nadu.	50.00

State of West Bengal identified the Darjeeling Hills, Dooars, the Western Forest Tracts in the Districts of Purulia and Bankura and Slunderbans for eco tourism activities.