

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

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

- (a) whether the Government have achieved the target in promoting and developing eco- tourism to curb poaching and protect sanctuaries in the country during the last two years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) whether the Government have any proposal to develop some places in the country including Tamil Nadu as eco-tourist places;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the amount sanctioned for the purpose?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM & CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN)

(a) & (b): The Department of Tourism, Government of India has formulated policy and guidelines for development of eco-tourism in the country. It is expected that all State Governments, Industry Associations and those involved in tourism development and the preservation of our environment and natural resources would take positive steps for the implementation of these policies and guidelines. However, eco-tourism is also not taken as a method to curb poaching and protecting the wildlife sanctuaries.

(c), (d) & (e): Yes, Sir. In the State of Tamil Nadu following projects have been sanctioned for development as eco tourist places during the last 2 year:-

(Rs. in Lakhs)

Name of the Project	Year	Amount Sanctioned	Amount released
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Improvement to the environs of Meenakshi Temple	Tamil Nadu 2000-01	9.00	2.70
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Boats jetty at Muttukadu	2001-02	145.14	10.00
Water Sports Centre at			

Kulavai Lake	2001-02	15.00	6.50
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