

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
TOURISM  
LOK SABHA**

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ECO TOURISM  
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**Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether there is tremendous scope for development of Eco-tourism in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the measures taken/proposed to be taken by the Government for its development/promotion in the country, particularly in Karnataka;
- (c) the details of projects' proposals received and sanctioned to various State Governments/Union Territory Administrations including Karnataka for its development along with the funds sanctioned and released thereunder during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;
- (d) the details of the completion status of the sanctioned projects and utilization of funds reported during the said period, State/UT-wise?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (DR. K. CHIRANJEEVI)

(a) & (b) Eco-Tourism is one of the emerging segments of tourism in India. The Ministry of Tourism extends Central Financial Assistance to various State Governments/Union Territory Administrations for eco tourism projects on the basis of proposals received from them subject to adherence of scheme guidelines, availability of funds and inter-se priority. The Ministry of Tourism has been promoting Eco Tourism, inter alia through its domestic and international campaigns. The Ministry of Tourism also supports seminars and events focusing on development of eco-tourism from time to time.

(c) & (d): The details of projects sanctioned to various State Governments/Union Territory Administrations which primarily focus on development of eco-tourism during the last three years and current year up to January, 2013, utilization of funds released and completion status are given in Annexure.