

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
TOURISM  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2809  
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ECO TOURISM DISTRICT  
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**Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has developed the concept of eco- tourism district in the country;
- (b) if so, the details of districts identified in this regard, State/UT- wise including Maharashtra; and
- (c) the extent to which the State Governments have been supportive to promote eco-tourism?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): The Ministry of Tourism has not developed the concept of Eco- Tourism Districts in the country. Development, promotion and implementation of tourism projects including Eco-Tourism, are primarily the responsibility of the respective State Government/Union Territory (UT) Administration. The Ministry of Tourism, however, provides Central Financial Assistance (CFA) for tourism projects including Eco-Tourism projects, identified in consultation with them, subject to availability of funds, inter-se-priority under its various schemes as per the guidelines. A list of projects focusing on Eco-Tourism for which Central Financial Assistance has been released to various State Governments and Union Territory Administrations, including the State Government of Maharashtra during the last three years & during current financial year up to 31st January 2014 is at Annexure.

(c): State Level Monitoring Committees constituted by different States/Union Territories monitor implementation of tourism projects including Eco-Tourism.