

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
TOURISM  
LOK SABHA**

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CONSTRUCTION OF ECO- HUTS TO ENCOURAGE ECO -TOURISM

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

- (a) whether the Government has received any proposals from the various States for development and promotion of eco-tourism;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the status of the proposals along with the funds allocated and expenditure incurred by the Government during the last three years, State-wise;
- (c) the sites/locations identified including backward and scheduled tribe areas for the promotion of eco-tourism;
- (d) whether the Government has objected the setting up of eco-huts for the promotion of eco-tourism; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with the steps taken by the Government for the construction of eco-huts to encourage eco-tourism in the country?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

(a), (b) & (c): Development and promotion of tourist destinations and products including Eco-tourism and implementation of tourism projects is primarily the responsibility of the respective State Government/ Union Territory (UT) Administration. The Ministry of Tourism provides Central Financial Assistance (CFA) to various State Governments/Union Territory Administrations for various tourism projects including ones with a focus on EcoTourism, prioritized in consultation with them every year subject to availability of funds, inter-se priority and adherence to the scheme guidelines.

The details of tourism projects with a focus on Eco- Tourism for which Central Financial Assistance (CFA) has been sanctioned/released to various State Governments/Union Territory (UT) Administrations during the last three years and the current financial year up to 31.12.2014 are given in the Annexure.

(d) & (e): Under Product Infrastructure Development for Destinations & Circuits (PIDDC) scheme of the Ministry of Tourism there is a provision for construction of Budget Accommodation relating to eco tourism projects.