

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
LOK SABHA**

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Development of Eco-Tourism

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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is formulating any policy/guidelines on its own or through Public-Private-Partnership (PPP) model for the promotion of ecotourism/heritage tourism in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise including Himalayan and North Eastern Region (NER) along with the forest villages/locations in this regard and the steps taken by the Government to boost eco-tourism in the country;
- (c) the details of central financial assistance allocated and the expenditure incurred on the promotion of eco-tourism during the last five years, State/UT-wise and year-wise;
- (d) whether the Government has received proposals from the State Governments for the development and promotion of eco-tourism; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof along with the present status of the proposals, State-wise?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): Promotion, development of tourism and its infrastructure including promotion of eco-tourism/heritage tourism is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments and Union Territory Administrations. The Ministry of Tourism provides Central Financial Assistance (CFA) for projects that are complete as per existing scheme guidelines and are sanctioned subject to availability of scheme/funds and utilization of funds released earlier.

The amount sanctioned for eco-tourism projects to the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations under Central Financial Assistance during the last five years is given in the Annexure.

Ministry of Tourism has taken following initiatives to boost eco-tourism in the country:

- (i) Evolved Comprehensive Sustainable Tourism Criteria for India (STCI) for three major segments of the tourism industry, namely accommodation, tour operators, Beaches, Backwaters, Lakes and Rivers sectors, which is applicable for the entire country.
- (ii) Guidelines for approval of Hotel Projects at the implementation stage and also for Classification/Re-classification of operational hotels under various categories mandate incorporation of various eco-friendly measures like installation of Sewage Treatment Plant, Rain water Harvesting, Waste Management System, Pollution Control and Introduction of non-Chlorofluorocarbon equipment for refrigeration and air conditioners, energy and water conservation measures.
- (iii) Promoting Eco-Tourism, inter-alia through domestic and international campaigns and also by supporting seminars, conference and events focusing on development of Eco-Tourism in the country, from time to time.

(d) & (e): Under the Eco-Tourism theme under newly launched Swadesh Darshan theme based scheme for development of tourism infrastructure following proposals are received in the Ministry.

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Sl. No. State Name of the Project

1 Telangana Integrated Development of Eco Tourism circuit in Mahaboobnagar District

2 Chhattisgarh Integrated Development of Eco Tourism circuit in Rajmarggarh-Kabir Chabutra-Achanakmar Tiger Reserve- Kurlar-Sirpur-Kodar Dam-Gangrel Dam-Kanger Vally National Park

3 Kerala Integrated Development of Eco Tourism circuit in Gavi – Pathanamthitta

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