

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3312
ANSWERED ON 09.12.2019**

DEVELOPMENT OF ECO-TOURISM

3312. DR. A. CHALLAKUMAR:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) the amount of Central Financial Assistance released to each State Government/UT administration for development of Eco-tourism during the last three years;**
- (b) the details of the projects for which these funds were provided along with the funds actually spent by the State Governments/UTs on these projects; and**
- (c) the further steps taken/being taken by the Government for the growth of eco-tourism in the country?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
(SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL)**

(a) to (c): Eco Circuit has been identified as one of the fifteen thematic circuits for development under the Swadesh Darshan Scheme. The details of projects sanctioned by the Ministry in this thematic circuit during last three years are given at the Annexure.

In addition to above, Ministry has taken several steps to boost Eco-tourism in the country which inter-alia include the following:

- (i) Evolved & adopted Comprehensive Sustainable Tourism Criteria for India (STCI) for three major segments of the tourism industry, namely accommodation, tour operators, and Beaches, Backwaters, Lakes & Rivers sectors, 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.**

ANNEXURE**STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3312 ANSWERED ON 09.12.2019 REGARDING PROMOTION OF ECO-TOURISM.****THE DETAILS OF PROJECTS SANCTIONED UNDER ECO TOURISM CIRCUIT UNDER THE SWADESH DARSHAN SCHEME DURING LAST THREE YEARS.****(Rs. in crore)**

S. No.	Name of State	Name of Circuit & Year	Project Name	Amt. Sanctioned	Amt. Released
1.	Mizoram	Eco Circuit (2016-17)	Development of Eco-Adventure Circuit Aizawl - Rawpuichhip - Khawhphawp - Lengpui - Durtlang - Chatlang- Sakawrhmutuait lang - Muthee - Beratlawng - Tuirial Airfield - Hmuifang” in Mizoram under Eco circuit theme of Swadesh Darshan Scheme	99.07	49.53
2.	Madhya Pradesh	Eco Circuit (2017-18)	Development of Gandhisagar Dam- Mandleshwar Dam- Omkareshwar Dam- Indira Sagar Dam- Tawa Dam- Bargi	99.62	79.70

			Dam- Bheda Ghat- Bansagar Dam- Ken River under Eco circuit theme of Swadesh Darshan Scheme		
3.	Jharkhand	Eco Circuit (2018-19)	Development of Eco Circuit: Dalma- Chandil- Getalsud- Betla national park- Mirchaiya- Netarhat in Jharkhand under Swadesh Darshan Scheme	52.72	0.00
