

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM AND CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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TOURIST SPOTS FOR ECO -TOURISM
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Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of tourist spots identified in the country for Eco-Tourism, State-wise;
- (b) whether the Government has initiated any specific measures for the development of Eco-Tourism in the country; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SMT. AMBIKA SONI)

(a), (b) & (c): The Department of Tourism extends Central Financial Assistance to the State Governments/ Union Territories for development of tourist infrastructure and promotion of tourism including Eco-Tourism Products on the basis of the proposals received from them, subject to availability of funds and inter-se priority. These projects are sanctioned under 'Product/Infrastructure Development of Destinations and Circuits' Scheme. The details of the financial assistance extended to the State Governments/Union Territories during the 10th Five Year Plan for development of Eco-Tourism is as per Annexure. Moreover, Department has also formulated Eco-Tourism Policy and Guidelines. These Guidelines aim to preserve, retain and enrich natural resources to ensure regulated growth of Tourism and for achieving sustainable tourism development in the country.