GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3573
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DEVELOPMENT OF BHUBAN HILLS AS AN ATTRACTIVE TOURIST DESTINATION

3573. DR. RAJDEEP ROY:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a)   whether the Bhuban Hill in the South East of Barak valley bordering Manipur and Mizoram is a popular pilgrimage destination where the Shiva Temple, nestled on top of the hills covered with deep forests is associated with many legends, Lakhs of people congregate during the traditional Bhuban Mela organized on Mahashiv Ratri every year about 40 kms from Silchar town but due to narrow and tough hilly path it becomes difficult to climb the hill which results in accidents, injury and death;

(b)   if so, the details thereof;

(c)   whether after considering the faith and historical background of this holy place the Government plans to develop the Bhuban hill as an attractive tourist destination like Kamakhya temple (Guwahati); and

(d)   if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d): Development and maintenance of Pilgrimage Centre/Tourist centres is the responsibility of respective State Governments/Union Territories. Ministry of Tourism, under the schemes viz., Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD) and "Integrated Development of Theme Based Tourist Circuit in the Country, Swadesh Darshan (SD)"

provides Central Financial Assistance for infrastructure development and beautification of pilgrim places on receipt of suitable DPRs from the respective State Governments/Union Territories, subject to availability of funds, liquidation of pending utilisation certificate against the fund released earlier and adherence to the relevant scheme guidelines.

No proposal for development of Bhuban Hill in the South East of Barak Valley bordering Manipur and Mizoram has been received from the State Government of Assam.

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