

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3644
ANSWERED ON 16.03.2020**

**FUNDS ALLOCATED FOR INFRASTRUCTURAL DEVELOPMENT AND
GEOGRAPHICAL ISOLATION IN NER STATES**

3644. SHRI MANOJ KOTAK:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that tourism has a great potential for generating income and employment opportunities in North Eastern States of India;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether it is also a fact that lack of infrastructure and Geographical isolation are coming in the way of its development; and**
- (d) if so, the Government plan for development of infrastructure and to tackle geographical isolation in the North Eastern States along with the funds allocated for this purpose during the last three years?**

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c): Yes, Sir. The natural beauty, the rich cultural heritage, historical sites, spectacular biodiversity, wildlife, exotic flora and fauna, spirit of universal brotherhood and social fabric, diverse religion in the region are the factors that make a great potential for tourism development and generating the income and employment opportunities in the region.

As per the information provided by DoNER the vision document of Ministry of Development of North East Region envisage increasing tourist footfall in region from 0.6% to 5% of all India tourist footfall.

With efforts of Governments and other Stakeholders the infrastructure are being improved to develop this region as tourism hub of the country.

(d): 10% of the yearly gross Budget Allocation of all the Ministries are allocated for development of the Northeast Region including Infrastructure Development. The details of financial assistance provided to the States for tourism infrastructure under the Swadesh Darshan and PRASHAD scheme of the Ministry in the Northeast Region during the last three year is placed at Annexure-I.

Expenditure for infrastructure development in the Northeast Region by Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region is placed at Annexure-II.

ANNEXURE-I**STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PART (d) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3644 ANSWERED ON 16.03.2020 REGARDING FUNDS ALLOCATED FOR INFRASTRUCTURAL DEVELOPMENT AND GEOGRAPHICAL ISOLATION IN NER STATES.****List of projects sanctioned under Swadesh Darshan & PRASHAD Schemes for North Eastern Region****SWADESH DARSHAN SCHEME****(Rs. in crore)**

Sl. No.	State/UT	Name of the Circuit	Name of the Project	Amt. Sanctioned
	2015-16			
1.	Manipur	North-East Circuit	Development of Tourist Circuit in Manipur: Imphal-Khongjom	72.23
2.	Sikkim	North-East Circuit	Development of Tourist Circuit linking Rangpo (entry) – Rorathang- Aritar- Phadamchen- Nathang- Sherathang- Tsongmo- Gangtok-Phodong- Mangan- Lachung-Yumthang- Lachen- Thangu-Gurudongmer- Mangan- Gangtok- TuminLingee- Singtam (exit) in Sikkim.	98.05
3.	Nagaland	Tribal Circuit	Development of Tribal Circuit Peren- Kohima- Wokha, Nagaland	97.36
4.	Mizoram	North East Circuit	Integrated Development of New Eco Tourism under Swadesh Darshan-North East Circuit at Thenzawl & South Zote, District Serchhip and Reiek, Mizoram.	94.91
5.	Assam	Wildlife Circuit	Development of Manas- Probitora- Nameri- Kaziranga- Dibru- Saikhowa as Wildlife Circuit in Assam.	95.67
6.	Arunachal Pradesh	North East	Integrated Development of New Adventure Tourism in	97.14

		Circuit	Arunachal Pradesh	
7.	Tripura	North East Circuit	Development of North East Circuit : Agartala - Sipahijala - Melaghar - Udaipur - Amarpur-Tirthamukh- Mandirghat- Dumboor- NarikelKunja- Gandachara- Ambassa in Tripura	99.59
	2016-17			
8.	Meghalaya	North East Circuit	Development of Umium (Lake View), U LumSohpetbneng-Mawdiangdiang – Orchid Lake Resort, Meghalaya.	99.13
9.	Manipur	Spiritual Circuit	Development of Spiritual Circuit – Shri Govindajee Temple, Shri BijoyGovindajee Temple – Shri Gopinath Temple – Shri Bungshibodon Temple – Shri Kaina Temple, Manipur.	53.80
10.	Sikkim	North East circuit	Development of Tourist Circuit Linking Singtam–Maka- sra-BermoikTokel-Phongia- Namchi –Jorthang-Okharey- Sombaria-Daramdin- Jorethang- Melli (Exit) in Sikkim.	95.32
11.	Nagaland	Tribal circuit	Development of Tribal circuit (Mokokchung–Tuensang-Mon) in Nagaland	99.67
12.	Assam	Heritage Circuit	Development of Tezpur – Majuli – Sibsagar as Heritage Circuit in Assam under Swadesh Darshan scheme	98.35
13.	Mizoram	Eco Circuit	Development of Eco-Adventure Circuit Aizawl - Rawpuichhip – Khawhphawp – Lengpui – Durtlang – Chatlang- Sakawrhmutuaitlang - Muthee – Beratlawng -Tuirial Airfield – Hmuifang under Eco circuit theme of Swadesh	99.07

			Darshan Scheme	
	2018-19			
14.	Tripura	North East circuit	Development of North East circuit: SurmaCherra-Unakoti- Jampui Hills-Gunabati-Bhunaneshwari-Matabari- Neermahal-Boxanagar- Chottakhola-Pilak- Avangchaarra in Tripura	65.00
15.	Meghalaya	North East Circuit	Development of West Khasi Hills (Nongkhlaw- KremTiro - Khudoi&Kohmang Falls – Khri River- Mawthadraishan, Shillong), Jaintia Hills (Krang Suri Falls- Shyrmang- looksi), Garo Hills (Nokrek Reserve, KattaBeel, Siju Caves)	84.97

PRASHAD Scheme

(Rs. in crore)

Sl. No.	State	Name of the project	Amt. Sanctioned
	2015-16		
1	Assam	Development of Kamakhya Temple and Pilgrimage Destination in and around Guwahati	33.98
	2018-19		
2	Nagaland	Development of Pilgrimage Facilities in Nagaland	25.26

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Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (MDoNER) implements schemes of Non- Lapsable Central Pool of Resources (NLCPR) for bridging the infrastructure gaps in certain identified sectors in the NER. The NLCPR- State scheme was restructured to a new scheme viz. North East Special Infrastructure Development scheme (NESIDS) which came into effect from 15.12.2017. MDoNER also provides funds to the State of Assam under special development packages for Bodoland Territorial Council (BTC), Dima Hasao Autonomous Territorial Council (DHATC) and Karbi Anglong Autonomous Territorial Council (KAATC). The details of funds released under NLCPR/NESIDS/ Special Packages of Assam/SIDF/HADP to the North Eastern Region during the period Financial Year 2017-18 till date, are as under:-

S. No.	Scheme/ Package	Funds released (Rs. in crore)
i.	NLCPR	1529.29
ii.	NESIDS	439.19
iii.	BTC	27.32
iv.	DHATC	36.48
v.	KAATC	76.7
vi.	HADP	8.38
vii.	SIDF	101.61
