

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM

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DEVELOPMENT OF DEEPOR BEEL IN ASSAM

2687. SHRI BHUBANESWAR KALITA:

Will the Minister of **TOURISM** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government received a proposal from Government of Assam who intends to develop Deepor Beel into an eco-tourism hub;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether Government would consider extending all possible help to the State Government to develop Deepor Beel as an eco-tourism hub, particularly in view of tremendous potential of Assam in the development and promotion of tourism?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)

(SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL)

(a) to (b): The State Government of Assam has not submitted any proposal for development of Deepor Beel into an Eco Tourism Hub to the Ministry of Tourism.

Ministry of Tourism is aware of the enormous potential for promotion and development of tourism in Assam. The Ministry under its schemes of Swadesh Darshan- Integrated development of theme based tourist circuits and PRASHAD- National Mission on Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation Drive provides Central Financial Assistance to the State Governments/UT Administrations/ Central Agencies for development of tourism infrastructure at selected sites/ circuits in the country. Eco Circuit has been identified as one of the fifteen thematic circuits for development under Swadesh Darshan Scheme.

The details of projects sanctioned by Ministry of Tourism to Assam are as under:

(Amt. in Rs. crore)

Sl. No.	Scheme/ Sanction Year	Name of the Project	Amt. Sanctioned
1.	Swadesh Darshan 2015-16	Development of Wildlife Circuit: Manas- Probitora- Nameri- Kaziranga- Dibru- Saikhowa	95.67
2.	Swadesh Darshan 2016-17	Development of Heritage Circuit: Tezpur- Majuli- Sibsagar	98.35
3.	PRASHAD 2015-16	Development of Kamakhya Temple and Pilgrimage Destination in and around Guwahati	33.98

(c): The Central Government will examine and take appropriate decision to develop Deepor Beel into an Eco Tourism Hub as and when the proposal is received from the Government of Assam.
