

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1754
ANSWERED ON 03.12.2019

**INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT FOR BEATING RETREAT CEREMONY AT
AGARTALA-AKHAURA BORDER WITH BANGLADESH**

1754. SHRI B. LINGAIAH YADAV:

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

- (a) whether Government has sanctioned funds to create infrastructure for Beating Retreat ceremony at Agartala-Akhaura border with Bangladesh, similar to that at Wagah in Punjab, if so, the details thereof; and
- (b) whether the funds were sanctioned under the Swadesh Darshan Scheme and if so, the details thereof and the present status of improvement of India's ties with Bangladesh?

ANSWER

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

(a) and (b): Ministry of Tourism under the Swadesh Darshan Scheme has sanctioned the project -Development of North East Circuit: Agartala - Sipahijala - Melaghar - Udaipur - Amarpur- Tirthamukh- Mandirghat- Dumboor- Narikel Kunja- Gandachara- Ambassa sanctioned for Rs.99.59 Crore in the year 2015-16. Under the project funds to the tune of Rs.9.26 Crore has been allocated for Border Ceremony at Akaura border. The components for development includes Open Air Theatre, Conference Block, wayside amenities, Signage's, solid waste management etc.

As informed by the Ministry of External Affairs India-Bangladesh relations are at a historic high point. The relationship between the two countries have grown in areas of strategic and security partnership, trade, transport & connectivity, power & energy transmission, socio-economic and infrastructure development as well as training and capacity building.
