

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1117
ANSWERED ON 20.09.2020

DEVELOPMENT OF TOURIST CIRCUITS IN NORTH EAST INDIA

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

- (a) the number of tourist spots in the north eastern States;
- (b) whether Government will create a circuit of these spots;
- (c) the steps taken to promote tourism in these states particularly Meghalaya, Manipur , Sikkim and Arunachal Pradesh; and
- (d) the number of spots that the Ministry has identified?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d): Identification and development of tourism sites is primarily the responsibility of State Governments/Union Territory Administrations. However, Ministry of Tourism under the Swadesh Darshan scheme, has sanctioned various theme based circuits including projects in North-East of India covering various destinations. The details of the projects sanctioned in North-East of India is annexed.

The Ministry of Tourism undertakes various activities for holistic promotion of North East Region including the destinations located in the States of Meghalaya, Manipur, Sikkim and Arunachal Pradesh. These activities include release of campaigns, production of publicity material and television commercials/films, participation / support to the events related to promotion of North-East of India, support to the State Governments for organizing fairs and festivals and tourism related events which have potential to promote tourism to the region; providing participation opportunity to the State Governments of North East in the events organized by the Ministry of Tourism etc.. In addition, the Ministry of Tourism organizes International Tourism Mart (ITM) annually on rotation basis in one of the North Eastern state, with the objective of highlighting tourism potential of the North East region in the domestic and international markets and to provide a business opportunity to the entrepreneurs from the eight North Eastern States to interact with the buyers attending the mart. The 8th edition of ITM was held in Imphal, Manipur from 23rd to 25th November, 2019; which witnessed participation of 35 foreign buyers from over 18 countries, 32 domestic stakeholders from other parts of India and 79 sellers from the North Eastern States.

ANNEXURE

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PART (a) to (d) OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1117 ANSWERED ON 20.09.2020 REGARDING DEVELOPMENT OF TOURIST CIRCUITS IN NORTH EAST INDIA

The details of the projects sanctioned in North-East of India under Swadesh Darshan Scheme

(Rs. in Crore)

S.No.	Name of State	Name of Circuit & Year	Project Name	Amt. Sanctioned
1.	Arunachal Pradesh	North-East Circuit (2014-15)	Development of Circuit at Bhalukpong-Bomdila and Tawang.	49.77
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	North-East Circuit (2015-16)	Integrated Development of Jirigaon, Nafra, Seppa, Pappu, Pasa, Pakke Valleys, Lumdung, LafangSohung Lake, Taro Yar, New Sagalee, Ziro, Yomcha	96.72
3.	Assam	Wildlife Circuit (2015-16)	Development of Manas– Pobitora– Nameri– Kaziranga– Dibru– Saikhowa.	94.68
4.	Assam	Heritage Circuit (2016-17)	Development of Tezpur – Majuli – Sibsagar	90.98
5.	Manipur	North-East Circuit (2015-16)	Development of Circuit at Imphal-Khongjom	72.23
6.	Manipur	Spiritual Circuit (2016-17)	Development of Shri Govindajee Temple, Shri BijoyGovindajee Temple – Shri Gopinath Temple – Shri Bungshibodon Temple – Shri Kaina Temple.	53.80
7.	Sikkim	North-East Circuit (2015-16)	Development of Circuit linking Rangpo (entry) – Rorathang- Aritar- Phadamchen-Nathang-Sherathang- Tsongmo- Gangtok- Phodong- Mangan- Lachung-Yumthang-Lachen- Thangu-Gurudongmer- Mangan-Gangtok-TuminLingee- Singtam (exit).	98.05
8.	Sikkim	North- East circuit	Development of Tourist Circuit Linking Lingmoo-Lingee– Maka– Temi-	95.32

		(2016-17)	BermoikNamchi- Okharey- Sombaria-Daramdin- Melli (Exit)	
9.	Mizoram	North East Circuit (2015-16)	Integrated Development of Thenzawl & South Zote, Districts Serchhip and Reiek	92.26
10.	Mizoram	Eco Circuit (2016-17)	Development of Eco-Adventure Circuit at Aizawl -Rawpuichhip - Khawhphawp - Lengpui – Durtlang –Chatlang Sakawrhmutuaitlang - Muthee – Beratlawng -Tuirial Airfield – Hmuifang	99.07
11.	Nagaland	Tribal Circuit (2015-16)	Development of Circuit at Peren- Kohima- Wokha	97.36
12.	Nagaland	Tribal circuit (2016-17)	Development of Mokokchung–Tuensang- Mon	99.67
13.	Tripura	North- East Circuit (2015-16)	Development of North East Circuit: Agartala - Sipahijala - Melaghar - Udaipur - Amarpur- Tirthamukh- Mandirghat– Dumboor- NarikelKunja- Gandachara– Ambassa	82.85
14.	Tripura	North- East circuit (2018-19)	Development of SurmaCherra- Unakoti- Jampui Hills- Gunabati-Bhunaneshwari- Matabari- Neermahal- Boxanagar- Chottakhola- Pilak- Avangchaarra	65.00
15.	Meghalaya	North -East Circuit (2016-17)	Development of Umium (Lake View), U LumSohpetbneng-Mawdiangdiang – Orchid Lake Resort.	99.13
16.	Meghalaya	North East Circuit (2018-19)	Development of West Khasi Hills (Nongkhlaw- KremTiro - Khudoi&Kohmang Falls – Khri River- Mawthadraishan, Shillong), Jaintia Hills (Krang Suri Falls- Shyrman g- Iooksi), Garo Hills (Nokrek Reserve, KattaBeel, Siju Caves)	84.97
