

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3194
ANSWERED ON 23.03.2021

SWADESH DARSHAN SCHEME IN ASSAM

3194. SHRI AJIT KUMAR BHUYAN:
SHRI KAMAKHYA PRASAD TASA:

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

- (a) whether Government has prepared any plan to develop parts of Assam to be more tourist-friendly;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has received a comprehensive proposal under “Swadesh Darshan Scheme” regarding development of tourist places from the State Government of Assam;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government so far for allocation of the necessary fund; and
- (e) whether Government has taken/propose to take steps to implement the long-awaited public demand for tourism project as it has tremendous tourism potentiality to attract domestic and foreign tourists, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (e): Development and Promotion of Tourism is primarily the responsibility of the State Government / Union Territory Administration. However, the Ministry of Tourism under its scheme of ‘Swadesh Darshan’ provides financial assistance to State Governments/ Union Territory (UT) Administrations / Central Agencies for development of tourism infrastructure in the country including in the state of Assam. The projects are sanctioned subject to availability of funds, submission of suitable Detailed Project Reports, adherence to scheme guidelines and utilization of funds released earlier etc. Presently there is no proposal under consideration for sanctioning in Swadesh Darshan scheme. However, the Ministry of Tourism has sanctioned the following two projects in the State of Assam under Swadesh Darshan scheme:-

- i) Development of Manas– Probitora– Nameri– Kaziranga– Dibru– Saikhowa under Wild Life Circuit for total amount of Rs. 94.68 Crore in the year 2015-16.
- ii) Development of Tezpur – Majuli – Sibsagar under heritage circuit for total amount of Rs. 90.98 Crore in the year 2016-17.

Further, another project “Development of Kamakhya Temple and Pilgrimage Destination in and around Guwahati” has been sanctioned by the Ministry of Tourism for Rs.30.71 Crore in the year 2015-16 in the State of Assam under the scheme of ‘National Mission on Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD)’.
