

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM

RAJYA SABHA
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SWADESH DARSHAN SCHEME FOR DARJEELING

950. SMT. SHANTA CHHETRI:

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

- (a) whether Government is aware that Darjeeling is a renowned tourist destination in the country;
- (b) whether under the 'Swadesh Darshan Scheme' any project has been earmarked for the Darjeeling region; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and, if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF TOURISM

(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

- (a): Yes, Sir. Darjeeling is a renowned tourist destination in the country.

Development of tourism is primarily the responsibility of the concerned State Government/ UT Administration. However, the Ministry of Tourism under schemes of Swadesh Darshan- Integrated development of theme based tourist circuits, PRASHAD- National Mission on Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual Heritage Augmentation Drive and Assistance to Central Agencies for tourism infrastructure development provides Financial Assistance to the State Governments/ UT Administrations/ Central Agencies for development of tourism infrastructure in the country.

- (b) & (c): There is no project under consideration for development of Darjeeling under the Swadesh Darshan Scheme of Ministry of Tourism.
