

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 838
ANSWERED ON 07.02.2022**

**TOURIST LOCATIONS IN NORTH-EAST UNDER SWADESH DARSHAN
SCHEME**

838. SHRI ABDUL KHALEQUE:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has selected the tourist locations from North East which have been brought under the development programme of Swadesh Darshan Scheme;**
- (b) if so, the list of places, State-wise;**
- (c) the details of the projects and action taken at the tourist location within Assam;**
- (d) whether the Government has any plan to include more tourist locations in Assam and if not, the reason therefor;**
- (e) whether the Government has any tourism development plan centring around Kirtan Ghar of Barpeta and nearby Satras and around Bagheswari Temple of Bongaigaon; and**
- (f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the time by which the Government is likely to take up the matter?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF TOURISM

(SHRI G.KISHAN REDDY)

(a) & (b): Identification and development of Tourist Destinations is primarily the responsibility of the respective State Government/ Union Territory Administration. However, the Ministry of Tourism under its scheme of 'Swadesh Darshan' provides funds to State Government/ Union Territory Administration/ Central Agencies, etc. for tourism infrastructure development in the country. Under this scheme, the Ministry of Tourism has sanctioned 16 projects in North East region of India for a total amount of Rs.1337.63 crore. The details of the projects sanctioned in North East region of India is at annexure I.

(c) to (f): The Ministry of Tourism under its scheme of Swadesh Darshan has sanctioned 02 projects in Assam, the location wise sanction details of these projects is at annexure II. Presently no new projects are being considered under the Swadesh Darshan scheme.

ANNEXURE- I**STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PART (a) & (b) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 838 ANSWERED ON 07.02.2022 REGARDING TOURIST LOCATIONS IN NORTH-EAST UNDER SWADESH DARSHAN SCHEME.****DETAIL OF PROJECTS SANCTIONED UNDER SWADESH DARSHAN SCHEME IN NORTH EASTERN REGION.****(Rs. in crore)**

S. No.	State/UT	Circuit	Sanction Year	Name of the Project	Amt. Sanctioned	Amt. Released
1.	Arunachal Pradesh	North-East Circuit	2014-15	Development of Mega Circuit at Bhalukpong-Bomdila and Tawang	49.77	39.81
2.		North-East Circuit	2015-16	Development of Nafra- Seppa-Pappu, Pasa, Pakke Valleys-Sangdupota-New Sagalee-Ziro- Yomcha	96.72	84.24
3.	Assam	Wildlife Circuit	2015-16	Development of Manas- Pobitora - Nameri-Kaziranga-Dibru- Saikhowa	94.68	86.51
4.		Heritage Circuit	2016-17	Development of Tezpur - Majuli - Sibsagar	90.98	72.78
5.	Manipur	North-East Circuit	2015-16	Development of Tourist Circuit in Manipur: Imphal-Khongjom	72.23	61.32
6.		Spiritual Circuit	2016-17	Development of Shri Govindajee Temple, Shri Bijoy Govindajee Temple - Shri Gopinath Temple - Shri Bungshibodon Temple - Shri	53.80	43.04

				Kaina Temple		
7.	Meghalaya	North-East Circuit	2016-17	Development of Umium (Lake View), U Lum Sohpetbneng-Mawdiangdiang – Orchid Lake Resort	99.13	94.14
8.		North - East Circuit	2018-19	Development of West Khasi Hills (Nongkhlaw-KremTiro - Khudoi&Kohmang Falls – Khri River-Mawthadraishan, Shillong), Jaintia Hills (Krang Suri Falls- Shyrmanglooksi), Garo Hills (Nokrek Reserve, Katta Beel, Siju Caves)	84.97	45.98
9.	Mizoram	North-East Circuit	2015-16	Integrated Development of Thenzawl & South Zote, District Serchhip and Reiek.	92.26	87.65
10.		Eco Circuit	2016-17	Development of Eco-Adventure Circuit Aizawl - Rawpuichhip - Khawhphawp - Lengpui - Durtlang - Chatlang- Sakawrhmutuaitlang - Muthee - Beratlawnng - Tuirial Airfield - Hmuifang	66.37	49.53
11.	Nagaland	Tribal Circuit	2015-16	Development of Tribal Circuit Peren- Kohima- Wokha	97.36	92.49

12.		Tribal circuit	2016-17	Development of Mokokchung–Tuensang-Mon	98.14	93.24
13.	Sikkim	North-East Circuit	2015-16	Development of Tourist 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	92.77
14.		North East Circuit	2016-17	Development of Tourist Circuit Linking Singtam– Maka-Temi-BermoikTokel-Phongia-Namchi – Jorthang-Okharey-Sombaria-Daramdin-Jorethang- Melli (Exit)	95.32	85.18
15.	Tripura	North-East Circuit	2015-16	Development of North East Circuit: Agartala - Sipahijala - Melaghar - Udaipur -	82.85	68.58

				Amarpur- Tirthamukh- Mandirghat- Dumboor- NarikelKunja- Gandachara- Ambassa		
16.		North- East Circuit	2018-19	Development of Surma Cherra- Unakoti- Jampui Hills- Gunabati- Bhunaneshwari- Matabari- Neermahal- Boxanagar- Chottakhola- Pilak- Avangchaarra	65.00	10.10
Total					1337.63	1107.36

ANNEXURE- II**STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (c) TO (f) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 838 ANSWERED ON 07.02.2022 REGARDING TOURIST LOCATIONS IN NORTH-EAST UNDER SWADESH DARSHAN SCHEME.****DETAIL OF LOCATIONS IN THE PROJECTS SANCTIONED IN ASSAM UNDER THE SWADESH DARSHAN SCHEME.****Project 1: Development of Wildlife Circuit: Manas - Pobitora - Nameri - Kaziranga - Dibru Saikhowa in Assam' under Swadesh Darshan Scheme.**

Sl. No.	Destination	Sanctioned Amount (In Cr)	Major Components
1.	Manas	39.22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Log huts • Approach Road • Tourist Interpretation Centre • Handicraft Exhibition Centre
2.	Pobitora	14.26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Log huts • Tourist Information Centre • Wayside Amenity Centre
3.	Nameri	6.08	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Log huts • Approach Road • Solar lighting
4.	Kaziranga	8.63	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Log huts • Handicraft Exhibition Centre • Cafeteria
5.	Pani Dihing	3.93	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Way side Amenity • Log huts • Approach Road
6.	Dibru	18.06	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Log huts • Handicraft Exhibition Centre • Waiting Area with Toilet Block Cafeteria at Maguri Beel
	Grand Total Including contingency & Consultancy fee	94.68	

Project 2: Development of Tezpur – Majuli – Sibsagar as Heritage Circuit in Assam' under Swadesh Darshan Scheme.

S.no.	Destination	Sanctioned Amount (In Cr.)	Major Components
1.	Tezpur	2.98	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wayside Amenity • Tourist information Centre

2.	Bamuni Hills	3.17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cafeteria • Pathways and Parking
3.	Kamalabari Ghat	33.73	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Log huts • Cruise Service with Boats • Floating Barge • Tourist Arrival Centre
4.	Samuguru Satra	4.48	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tourist Interpretation Centre • Mask making workshop • Open Air Theatre
5.	Majauli	8.71	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tribal Haats • Cultural Centre • Cafeteria & peripheral development
6.	Salmara	13.21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Log huts • Weaving and Bamboo crafts Centre • Exhibition and Sales Centre • Cafeteria
7.	Joysaagar	4.53	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promenade Development • Tourist information Centre • Floating jetty
8.	Rang Ghat	3.40	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cafeteria • Landscaping • Solar campus illumination
9.	Talatal Ghar	6.10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Landscaping • Cafeteria • Security Fencing • Haats- 6nos kiosk
10.	Charaideo Maidam	6.34	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pavilions • Landscaping • Cafeteria • Compound wall
	Grand Total Including contingency & Consultancy fee	90.98	
