

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2539
ANSWERED ON 24.03.2022

PROMOTION OF TOURISM IN NORTH-EASTERN STATES

2539. SMT. JAHRNA DAS BAIDYA:

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

- (a) whether Government has taken any steps to promote tourism in the North-Eastern States;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of expenditure made in this regard during the last five years; and
- (d) whether any Tourism Development Fund has been set up for tourism in the States of Tripura and Manipur?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF TOURISM

(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

(a) and (b): Yes, Sir. The Ministry of Tourism under its major Schemes of Swadesh Darshan and National Mission on Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD) provides financial assistance to State Governments/Union Territory Administrations for development of tourism infrastructure in the country. The selection of places for promotion & development as tourist sites is primarily the responsibility of the State Government / Union Territory Administration. Further, the Ministry also provides financial assistance under Assistance to Central Agencies for Tourism Infrastructure Development as well as to the identified tourism routes under RCS UDAN 3. The details of the projects sanctioned under the afore mentioned Schemes in the North Eastern region are given in the Annexure.

(c): The details of total expenditure incurred by Ministry of Tourism for North-Eastern Region during the last five years are as below:

(Rs. in crore)

Year	Total Expenditure for North Eastern Region
2016-17	150.00
2017-18	175.00
2018-19	198.43
2019-20	43.68
2020-21	147.33

(d): No, Sir. However, Ministry of Tourism provides financial assistance under its Schemes such as Swadesh Darshan, PRASHAD, Central Financial Assistance (CFA) to State/Union Territory Administrations, Central Agencies for overall promotion and development of infrastructure of tourism in the country including Tripura and Manipur.

ANNEXURE

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) AND (b) OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2539 ANSWERED ON 24.03.2022 PROMOTION OF TOURISM IN NORTH-EASTERN STATES

Swadesh Darshan Scheme

Project Sanctioned under Swadesh Darshan scheme to North Eastern Region from year 2014-15 to till date

(Rs. in crore)

Sl. No.	State/UT	Circuit	Sanction Year	Name of the Project	Amount Sanctioned
1	Arunachal Pradesh	North East Circuit	2014-15	Development of Mega Circuit at Bhalukpong- Bomdila and Tawang	49.77
2		North East Circuit	2015-16	Development of Nafra- Seppa-Pappu, Pasa, Pakke Valleys-Sangdupota- New Sagalee- Ziro-Yomcha	96.72
3	Assam	Wildlife Circuit	2015-16	Development of Manas- Pobitora – Nameri- Kaziranga- Dibru- Saikhowa	94.68
4		Heritage Circuit	2016-17	Development of Tezpur – Majuli – Sibsagar	90.98
5	Manipur	North East Circuit	2015-16	Development of Tourist Circuit in Manipur: Imphal- Khongjom	72.23
6		Spiritual Circuit	2016-17	Development of Shri Govindajee Temple, Shri Bijoy Govindajee Temple – Shri Gopinath Temple – Shri Bungshibodon Temple – Shri Kaina Temple	53.80
7	Meghalaya	North East Circuit	2016-17	Development of Umium (Lake View), U Lum Sohpetbneng-Mawdiangdiang – Orchid Lake Resort	99.13
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-Shyrmang- Iooksi), Garo Hills (Nokrek Reserve, Katta Beel, Siju Caves)	84.97
9	Mizoram	North East Circuit	2015-16	Integrated Development of Thenzawl & South Zote, District Serchhip and Reiek.	92.26
10		Eco Circuit	2016-17	Development of Eco-Adventure Circuit Aizawl -Rawpuichhip – Khawhphawp – Lengpui – Durtlang – Chatlang- Sakawrhमितuitlang -	66.37

				Muthee – Beratlawng -Tuirial Airfield – Hmuifang	
11	Nagaland	Tribal Circuit	2015-16	Development of Tribal Circuit Peren- Kohima- Wokha	97.36
12		Tribal circuit	2016-17	Development of Mokokchung– Tuensang-Mon	98.14
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
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
15	Tripura	North East Circuit	2015-16	Development of North East Circuit: Agartala - Sipahijala - Melaghar - Udaipur - Amarpur- Tirthamukh- Mandirghat– Dumboor- NarikelKunja- Gandachara– Ambassa	82.85
16		North East Circuit	2018-19	Development of Surma Cherra- Unakoti- Jampui Hills- Gunabati- Bhunaneshwari- Matabari- Neermahal- Boxanagar- Chottakhola- Pilak- Avangchaarra	65.00

National Mission on Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD) Scheme

(Rs. in crore)

Sl. No.	State/UTs	Name of the Project	Year of Sanction	Amount Sanctioned
1	Arunachal Pradesh	Development of Parasuram Kund, Lohit Distt.	2020-21	37.88
2	Assam	Development of Kamakhya Temple and Pilgrimage Destination in and around Guwahati	2015-16	29.80
3	Meghalaya	Development of Pilgrimage Facilitation in Meghalaya	2020-21	29.32
4	Nagaland	Development of Pilgrimage Infrastructure in Nagaland	2018-19	25.26
5	Sikkim	Development of Pilgrimage Facilitation at Four Patron Saints, Yuksom	2020-21	33.32
6	Tripura	Development of Tripura Sundari Temple, Udaipur	2020-21	37.84

Project sanctioned under Assistance to Central Agencies Scheme in the North Eastern Region

(Rs. in Lakh)

Year	State	Name of projects	Amount sanctioned
2019-20	Assam (Neamati, Pandu, Jogighopa & Biswanathghat)	CFA for Development of Jetties at nine (09) main points of embarkation/disembarkation of River Cruise on National Water ways No. 1& 2	1244
2020-21	Mizoram	Development of Convention Centre and associated Infrastructure at Aizawl, Mizoram	3994.75

Under RCS UDAN-3 Tourism, routes operationalized by Ministry of Civil Aviation to improve air connectivity for the North Eastern States are as under and an amount of Rs.3.38 Crore have been sanctioned by the Ministry of Tourism for the routes.

Sl. No.	Route	Status
1	Dimapur to Dibrugarh	Commenced
2	Dibrugarh to Dimapur	Commenced
3	Dimapur to Imphal	Commenced

The following railway stations have been developed by Ministry of Tourism and Ministry of Railways on 50:50 cost sharing basis in the North East Region under Assistance to Central Agencies for Tourism Infrastructure Development Scheme:

Sl. No.	Project	Financial year	Sanction Amount
1	Kamakhya Railway Station	2018-19	Rs. 4.96 Cr
2	Guwahati Railway Station	2018-19	Rs. 4.96 Cr
3	New Jalpaiguri Railway Station	2019-20	Rs 4.55 Cr
