

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3338
ANSWERED ON 31.03.2022

PROMOTING TOURISM AT KONGTHONG IN MEGHALAYA

3338. SHRI RAKESH SINHA:

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

- (a) whether Government will take steps to consolidate the tourist character of Kongthong in Meghalaya and make the place tourist friendly as it is the only whistling village in the country and has potential to become an important tourist place;
- (b) whether Government will use its natural sites and develop it as a tourist spot; and
- (c) whether Government will provide facilities for tourists due to its added attraction and natural beauty keeping in mind the protection of indigenous culture, people, language and ecology?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF TOURISM

(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

(a) to (c): The Ministry of Tourism under its flagship schemes of 'Swadesh Darshan' and 'National Mission on Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD)' has not received any proposal from the State Government of Meghalaya for development of Kongthong in Meghalaya. The Ministry of Tourism has now revamped its Swadesh Darshan scheme in order to develop sustainable and responsible destinations with tourist & destination centric approach.

However, the Ministry of Tourism has earlier sanctioned 02 project under its Swadesh Darshan scheme and 01 project under its 'PRASHAD' scheme in the State of Meghalaya, the detail of which is annexed.

ANNEXURE

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3338 ANSWERED ON 31.03.2022 REGARDING PROMOTING TOURISM AT KONGTHONG IN MEGHALAYA.

THE DETAIL OF PROJECTS SANCTIONED IN MEGHALAYA UNDER THE SCHEMES OF SWADESH DARSHAN AND PRASHAD.

(₹ in Crore)			
Sr. No.	Theme / Year of Sanction	Name of the Project	Sanction Amount
SWADESH DARSHAN			
1	North East Circuit/ 2016-17	Development of Umium (Lake View), U Lum Sohpetbneng-Mawdiangdiang – Orchid Lake Resort	99.13
2	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
PRASHAD			
1	2020-21	Development of Pilgrimage Facilitation in Meghalaya	29.32
