

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.124
ANSWERED ON 04.12.2023**

INITIATIVES TO DEVELOP NEW TOURISM SPOTS IN BARDHAMAN

124. SHRI SUNIL KUMAR MONDAL:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any initiative to develop new tourism spots in Kalna, Katwa, Raina & Purbosthali-II in Purba Bardhaman, West Bengal;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the present status and if not, the reasons therefor;**
- (c) the details of the total revenue earned from tourism spots in the country during the last three years and the current year; and**
- (d) the funds invested by the Government for developing new tourism spots, State/UT-wise and year-wise and if not, the reasons therefor?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM

(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

(a) to (d): The Ministry of Tourism under the schemes of 'Swadesh Darshan', 'National Mission on Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD)' and 'Assistance to Central Agencies for Tourism Infrastructure Development' provides financial assistance to State Governments/Union Territory Administrations/Central Agencies for the development of tourism-related infrastructure and facilities at various tourism destinations/spots in the country including West Bengal.

The details of projects sanctioned and amount sanctioned along with their status under the above-mentioned schemes in the State of West Bengal is given at Annexure.

Data pertaining to revenue generated from tourism is not maintained by the Ministry of Tourism. However, year-wise Foreign Exchange Earnings

(FEEs) from tourism during the last three years including current year (upto September 2023) are given below:

Year	FEE (Rs. in Crore)
2020^{#2}	50136
2021^{#2}	65070
2022^{#2}	139935
2023^{#1} (Jan-Sep)	166660

#²: Revised Estimates

#¹: Provisional Estimates

ANNEXURE**STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.124 ANSWERED ON 04.12.2023 REGARDING INITIATIVES TO DEVELOP NEW TOURISM SPOTS IN BARDHAMAN BY SHRI SUNIL KUMAR MONDAL****Swadesh Darshan Scheme****(Rs. in Crore)**

Sl. No.	State	Circuit / Sanction Year	Name of the Project	Amount Sanctioned	Amount Released	Physical Status (%)
1.	West Bengal	Coastal Circuit 2015-16	Development of Beach Circuit: Udaipur- Digha- Shankarpur- Tajpur- Mandarmani- Fraserganj- Bakkhlai- Henry Island	67.99	65.07	Complete

PRASHAD Scheme**(Rs. in Crore)**

Sl. No.	State	Project Name	Sanction Year	Approved Cost	Amount Released	Physical Progress (%)
1.	West Bengal	Development of Belur Math	2016-17	30.03	23.39	92%

Assistance to Central Agencies for Tourism Infrastructure Development Scheme**(Rs. in Crore)**

Sl. No.	State	Name of Projects	Central Agency	Amount Sanctioned	Amount Released	Status
Year 2017-18						
1.	West Bengal	Joint Development of Rampurhat Railway Station	M/o Railways	3.48	1.74	Work completed. However, completion certificate is awaited.
2.	West Bengal	Joint Development	M/o Railways	3.87	1.93	Ongoing

		of Tarakeshwar Railway Station				
Year 2019-20						
3.	West Bengal	Joint Development of New Jalpaiguri Railway Station	M/o Railways	4.55	2.27	Recommend ed by Ministry of Railways for short closure because the stations are selected under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme
