

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2204  
ANSWERED ON 09.12.2024**

**TOURISM IN NORTH-EASTERN REGION**

**2204. SHRI KAMAKHYA PRASAD TASA:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Government is providing adequate services to promote tourism in the North-Eastern Region;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) the details of the number of tourists both domestic and foreign who visited the North-Eastern States during the last year; and**
- (d) the details of the steps taken/being taken by the Government to create a barrier free environment for growth of tourism in the North-Eastern region?**

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)**

**(a) to (b): Ministry of Tourism promotes tourism in India through various initiatives including events, social media handles and campaigns. Information on tourist destinations in the country is promoted through the Incredible India Digital Portal. Also, Ministry of Tourism has launched the Incredible India Content Hub on the revamped Incredible India digital portal ([www.incredibleindia.gov.in](http://www.incredibleindia.gov.in)). The Incredible India Content Hub is aimed to be a comprehensive digital repository of high-quality images, films, brochures and newsletters which can be easily accessed by the industry stakeholders (travel media, tour operators, travel agents) across the globe, required to amplify Incredible India in all their marketing and promotional efforts.**

**Ministry of Tourism has been organizing International Tourism Mart (ITM) in the North Eastern Region to showcase the tourism potential of North Eastern States of India. The latest edition of ITM was held in Kaziranga, Assam from 26th to 29th, November, 2024.**

**The Ministry of Tourism through its Central Institutes of Hotel Management (CIHMs) at Guwahati and Shillong, which are Autonomous Bodies, imparts professional education and training in the field of hospitality to create a pool of manpower sufficient to meet the needs of the tourism and hospitality industry, both quantitatively and qualitatively.**

**In addition, Ministry of Tourism under its scheme Capacity Building for Service Providers (CBSP) has undertaken various skill development programs to provide education, training and certification to the tourism service providers covering different level of Hospitality sector.**

**Ministry of Tourism has sanctioned projects for the development of tourism related infrastructure under the Swadesh Darshan, Swadesh Darshan 2.0, PRASHAD and Assistance to Central Agencies for Tourism Infrastructure Development Schemes.**

**Government of India has also sanctioned tourism projects under the 'Scheme for Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment 2024-25' (SASCI).**

**The details of projects sanctioned under the above mentioned schemes in North Eastern region are given at Annexure.**

**(c): Details of Domestic Tourist Visits (DTVs) and Foreign Tourist Visits (FTVs) to North Eastern States during 2023 are given below:**

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>States/UTs</b>	<b>2023</b>	
		<b>DTVs</b>	<b>FTVs</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Arunachal Pradesh</b>	<b>10,40,601</b>	<b>4,496</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Assam</b>	<b>76,12,720</b>	<b>23,818</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Manipur</b>	<b>57,701</b>	<b>3,668</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Meghalaya</b>	<b>13,71,674</b>	<b>19,973</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Mizoram</b>	<b>2,09,087</b>	<b>3,754</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>Nagaland</b>	<b>99,720</b>	<b>4,725</b>

<b>7</b>	<b>Sikkim</b>	<b>13,21,169</b>	<b>93,908</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>Tripura</b>	<b>3,66,104</b>	<b>66,708</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>1,20,78,776</b>	<b>2,21,050</b>

**Source: States/UTs Tourism Department**

**(d): Effective and adequate connectivity is one of the important aspect for developing a tourist destination. For this purpose, Ministry of Civil Aviation, Government of India has launched RCS-UDAN scheme, whose primary objective is to facilitate/stimulate regional air connectivity by making it affordable. Ministry of Tourism has collaborated with the Ministry of Civil Aviation to extend financial support in the form of Viability Gap Funding (VGF) under the Champion Service Sector Scheme (CSSS), with the purpose of further improving connectivity to important tourist places including Iconic sites.**

**Following routes from the State of NER have been included in Tourism RCS Routes:**

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Route</b>
<b>1.</b>	<b>Dibrugarh to Dimapur</b>
<b>2.</b>	<b>Dimapur to Dibrugarh</b>
<b>3.</b>	<b>Dimapur to Imphal</b>
<b>4.</b>	<b>Imphal to Dimapur</b>
<b>5.</b>	<b>Agartala to Aizawl</b>
<b>6.</b>	<b>Aizawl to Agartala</b>
<b>7.</b>	<b>Dibrugarh to Imphal</b>
<b>8.</b>	<b>Imphal to Dibrugarh</b>
<b>9.</b>	<b>Hollongi (Arunachal Pradesh to Guwahati)</b>
<b>10.</b>	<b>Guwahati to Hollongi (Arunachal Pradesh)</b>

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**ANNEXURE****STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (b) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2204 ANSWERED ON 09.12.2024 REGARDING TOURISM IN NORTH-EASTERN REGION RAISED BY SHRI KAMAKHYA PRASAD TASA****Details of Projects sanctioned under Swadesh Darshan Scheme**

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>State/ UT</b>	<b>Circuit / Sanction Year</b>	<b>Name of the Project</b>	<b>Amount Sanctioned (Rs. In Crore)</b>
<b>1.</b>	<b>Arunachal Pradesh</b>	<b>North-East Circuit 2014-15</b>	<b>Development of Bhalukpong-Bomdila and Tawang</b>	<b>49.77</b>
<b>2.</b>	<b>Arunachal Pradesh</b>	<b>North East Circuit 2015-16</b>	<b>Development of Nafra-Seppa- Pappu, Pasa, Pakke Valleys- Sangdupota- New Sagalee- Ziro- Yomcha</b>	<b>96.72</b>
<b>3.</b>	<b>Assam</b>	<b>Wildlife Circuit 2015-16</b>	<b>Development of Manas- Probitora- Nameri- Kaziranga- Dibru- Saikhowa</b>	<b>94.68</b>
<b>4.</b>	<b>Assam</b>	<b>Heritage Circuit 2016-17</b>	<b>Development of Tezpur - Majuli - Sibsagar</b>	<b>90.98</b>
<b>5.</b>	<b>Manipur</b>	<b>North-East Circuit 2015-16</b>	<b>Development of Tourist Circuit in Manipur: Imphal-Khongjom</b>	<b>72.23</b>
<b>6.</b>	<b>Manipur</b>	<b>Spiritual Circuit 2016-17</b>	<b>Development of Shri Govindajee Temple, Shri BijoyGovindajee Temple - Shri Gopinath Temple - Shri Bungshibodon Temple - Shri Kaina Temple</b>	<b>45.34</b>
<b>7.</b>	<b>Meghalaya</b>	<b>North East Circuit</b>	<b>Development of Umium (Lake View), U LumSohpetbneng-Mawdiangdiang - Orchid</b>	<b>99.13</b>

		<b>2016-17</b>	<b>Lake Resort</b>	
<b>8.</b>	<b>Meghalaya</b>	<b>North East Circuit 2018-19</b>	<b>Development of West Khasi Hills (Nongkhlaw- KremTiro - Khudoi&amp;Kohmang Falls - Khri River- Mawthadraishan, Shillong), Jaintia Hills (Krang Suri Falls- Shyrmang- looksi), Garo Hills (Nokrek Reserve, KattaBeel, Siju Caves)</b>	<b>84.97</b>
<b>9.</b>	<b>Mizoram</b>	<b>North East Circuit 2015-16</b>	<b>Development of Thenzawl &amp; South Zote, District Serchhip and Reiek.</b>	<b>92.26</b>
<b>10.</b>	<b>Mizoram</b>	<b>Eco Circuit 2016-17</b>	<b>Development of Eco-Adventure Circuit Aizawl - Rawpuichhip - Khawhphawp - Lengpui - Chatlang-Sakawrhmutuaitlang - Muthee - Beratlawng -Tuirial Airfield - Hmuifang</b>	<b>66.37</b>
<b>11.</b>	<b>Nagaland</b>	<b>Tribal Circuit 2015-16</b>	<b>Development of Tribal Circuit Peren- Kohima- Wokha</b>	<b>97.36</b>
<b>12.</b>	<b>Nagaland</b>	<b>Tribal Circuit 2016-17</b>	<b>Development of Mokokchung-Tuensang-Mon</b>	<b>98.14</b>
<b>13.</b>	<b>Sikkim</b>	<b>North East Circuit 2015-16</b>	<b>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)</b>	<b>98.05</b>
<b>14.</b>	<b>Sikkim</b>	<b>North East Circuit</b>	<b>Development of Tourist Circuit Linking Singtam- Maka- Temi-BermoikTokel-</b>	<b>95.32</b>

		<b>2016-17</b>	<b>Phongia- Namchi –Jorthang- Okharey- Sombaria- Daramdin- Jorethang- Melli (Exit)</b>	
<b>15.</b>	<b>Tripura</b>	<b>North East Circuit  2015-16</b>	<b>Development of Agartala - Sipahijala - Melaghar - Udaipur - Amarpur- Tirthamukh- Mandirghat- Dumboor- NarikelKunja- Gandachara- Ambassa</b>	<b>82.85</b>
<b>16.</b>	<b>Tripura</b>	<b>North East Circuit  2018-19</b>	<b>Development of SurmaCherra- Unakoti- Jampui Hills- Gunabati - Bhunaneshwari- Neermahal- Boxanagar- Chottakhola- Pilak- Avangchaarra</b>	<b>44.83</b>

#### **Details of Projects sanctioned under Swadesh Darshan 2.0 Scheme**

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Destination</b>	<b>Name of the Experience</b>	<b>Sanctioned Cost (Rs. In Crore)</b>	<b>Date of Sanction</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Arunachal Pradesh</b>	<b>Nacho</b>	<b>Unlock Nacho Expedition</b>	<b>14.02</b>	<b>05-03-2024</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Arunachal Pradesh</b>	<b>Mechuka</b>	<b>Mechuka Cultural Haat</b>	<b>18.48</b>	<b>05-03-2024</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Arunachal Pradesh</b>	<b>Mechuka</b>	<b>Mechuka Adventure Park</b>	<b>12.75</b>	<b>05-03-2024</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Assam</b>	<b>Kokrajhar</b>	<b>Kokrajhar Wetland Experience</b>	<b>26.67</b>	<b>05-03-2024</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Assam</b>	<b>Jorhat</b>	<b>Reimagining Cinnamara Tea Estate</b>	<b>23.91</b>	<b>05-03-2024</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>Meghalaya</b>	<b>Sohra</b>	<b>Waterfall Trails Experience</b>	<b>27.84</b>	<b>05-03-2024</b>

<b>7</b>	<b>Meghalaya</b>	<b>Sohra</b>	<b>Meghalayan Age Cave Experience</b>	<b>32.45</b>	<b>04-03-2024</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>Nagaland</b>	<b>Chumoukedima</b>	<b>Eco-Tourism Exp at Chumoukedima viewpoint</b>	<b>7.87</b>	<b>20-08-2024</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>Nagaland</b>	<b>Chumoukedima</b>	<b>Tribal Cultural Experience at Midway Retreat</b>	<b>21.56</b>	<b>05-03-2024</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>Sikkim</b>	<b>Gyalshing</b>	<b>Eco-Wellness Experience at Yuksom Cluster</b>	<b>15.40</b>	<b>05-03-2024</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>Sikkim</b>	<b>Gangtok</b>	<b>Gangtok Cultural Village</b>	<b>22.59</b>	<b>29-02-2024</b>

#### **Details of Projects sanctioned under PRASHAD Scheme**

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>State/UT</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Sanction Year</b>	<b>Approved Cost (Rs. In Crore)</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Arunachal Pradesh</b>	<b>Development of Parshuram Kund</b>	<b>2020-21</b>	<b>37.88</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Assam</b>	<b>Development of Pilgrimage amenities at Kamakhya Temple</b>	<b>2015-16</b>	<b>29.80</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Meghalaya</b>	<b>Development of Pilgrimage Facilitation at Nongswalia Church, Nartiang Shakti Peeth, Aitnar Pool and Charantala Kali Temple</b>	<b>2020-21</b>	<b>29.29</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Mizoram</b>	<b>Development of Infrastructure for Pilgrimage and Heritage Tourism at Chite Vang, Zuangtai, Reiek and Aizawl</b>	<b>2022-23</b>	<b>44.89</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Nagaland</b>	<b>Development of Pilgrimage Infrastructure at Molungkimong, Noksen</b>	<b>2018-19</b>	<b>25.20</b>

		<b>Church, Aizuto, Wokha and Kohima</b>		
<b>6</b>		<b>Development of Pilgrimage Tourism Infrastructure at Zunheboto</b>	<b>2022-23</b>	<b>18.18</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>Sikkim</b>	<b>Development of Pilgrimage Facilitation at Four Patron Saints, Yuksom</b>	<b>2020-21</b>	<b>33.32</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>Tripura</b>	<b>Development of Tripura Sundari Temple</b>	<b>2020-21</b>	<b>34.43</b>

**Details of Projects sanctioned under 'Assistance to Central Agencies for Tourism Infrastructure Development' Scheme**

<b>S. No</b>	<b>Name of State</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Name of Project</b>	<b>Amount sanctioned (Rs. In Crore)</b>
<b>1.</b>	<b>Assam (Neamati, Pandu, Jogighopa &amp; Biswanathghat)</b>	<b>2019-20</b>	<b>Ministry of Tourism has accorded approval for continuation of the development of 4 nos jetties in NW-2 (Brahmaputra)</b>	<b>28.03</b>
<b>2.</b>	<b>Mizoram</b>	<b>2020-21</b>	<b>Development of Convention Centre and associated Infrastructure at Aizawl, Mizoram</b>	<b>39.95</b>
<b>3.</b>	<b>NER</b>	<b>2022-23</b>	<b>Development of 22 viewpoints in North Eastern States (i) Nagaland (2 view points) (ii) Meghalaya (3 view points) (iii) Mizoram (9 view points) (iv) Arunachal Pradesh (4 view points)</b>	<b>44.44</b>



			(v) Manipur (3 view points) (vi) Sikkim/West Bengal (1 view point)	
4.	Assam	2018-19	Joint Development of Kamakhya Railway Station	4.96
5.	Assam	2018-19	Joint Development of Guwahati Railway Station	4.99

### List of Projects sanctioned under SASCI Scheme

S. No.	State	Project Name	Approved Cost (Rs. in Crore)
1.	Arunachal Pradesh	Siang Adventure & Eco-Retreat, Pasighat	46.48
2.	Assam	Assam State Zoo Cum Botanical Garden, Guwahati	97.12
3.	Assam	Beautification of Rang Ghar at Sivasagar	94.76
4.	Manipur	Loktak Lake Experience	89.48
5.	Meghalaya	MICE Infrastructure at Mawkhanu, Shillong	99.27
6.	Meghalaya	Re-development of Umiam Lake, Shillong	99.27
7.	Sikkim	Skywalk, Bhaleydhunga, Yangang, Namchi	97.37
8.	Sikkim	Border Experience, Nathula	68.19
9.	Tripura	51 Shakti Peethas Park at Banduar, Gomati	97.70

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