

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.390
ANSWERED ON 02.02.2026**

**TOURISM DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES IN KARBI
ANGLONG AND DIMA HASAO, ASSAM**

390. SHRI AMARSING TISSO:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any tourist destination has been identified and developed in Karbi Anglong and Dima Hasao districts under central tourism schemes and if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) the details of the funds allocated and utilized on tourism infrastructure development in these districts during the last three years and the current year, year-wise;**
- (c) the details of the steps taken/being taken to promote eco-tourism and adventure tourism leveraging the natural beauty and biodiversity of these hilly districts; and**
- (d) whether any homestay or community-based tourism initiatives have been supported in these areas?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a) to (d): While identification, development and promotion of tourism destinations and products is primarily undertaken by the concerned State Government (SG)/Union Territory Administration (UTA), Ministry of Tourism through its central sector schemes of 'Swadesh Darshan (SD), 'Swadesh Darshan 2.0 (SD2.0)', 'Challenge Based Destination Development (CBDD), a sub-scheme of Swadesh Darshan 2.0 scheme' and 'Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD)' complements the efforts of tourism infrastructure development in the country by extending financial assistance to the SGs/UTAs; on receipt of the project proposals from the concerned State Government/Union Territory Administration in synergy with the scheme guidelines, Government directions, availability of funds, inter-se priority etc. In addition, the Ministry of Tourism has also

issued schematic guidelines for development of Homestays in Tribal Areas under Swadesh Darshan scheme. The schemes of the Ministry of Tourism are applicable for the whole country including the state of Assam.

Government of India under its 'Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment (SASCI) – Development of Iconic Tourist Centres to Global Scale' scheme, has also sanctioned projects in the country with the primary objective to comprehensively develop iconic tourist centres in the country, branding and marketing them at global scale.

The Ministry of Tourism holistically promotes eco-tourism and adventure tourism to leverage natural beauty and biodiversity of the country including Assam through its regular promotional activities. Such promotions are undertaken through various promotional tools such as website, events, social media etc. In addition, the Ministry also issued National Strategy for Eco-tourism and National Strategy Adventure Tourism.

The details of the projects sanctioned under SD, SD2.0, CBDD, PRASHAD and SASCI schemes in the state of Assam is annexed.

ANNEXURE

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.390 ANSWERED ON 02.02.2026 REGARDING TOURISM DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES IN KARBI ANGLONG AND DIMA HASAO, ASSAM RAISED BY SHRI AMARSING TISSO

Details of the projects sanctioned under Swadesh Darshan (SD), SD2.0, CBDD, SASCI and PRASHAD schemes in the state of Assam:

(Amount in ₹Crore)

| Scheme/ Sub- scheme | S. No. | Name of the Project/ Experience | Circuit/ Destination | Year of sanction | Amount sanctioned | Amount Released (R)/ utilized (U)/ Released or authorized for utilization (A) |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------|--|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|--|
| Swadesh Darshan (SD) | 1 | Development of Manas– Probitora– Nameri– Kaziranga– Dibru– Saikhowa | Wildlife Circuit | 2015-16 | 94.68 | 94.68 (U) |
| | 2. | Development of Tezpur – Majuli – Sibsagar | Heritage Circuit | 2016-17 | 90.98 | 90.97 (U) |
| SD2.0 | 3. | Kokrajhar Wetland Experience | Kokrajhar | 2023-24 | 26.68 | 2.67 (A) |
| | 4. | Reimagining Cinnamara Tea Estate | Jorhat | 2023- 24 | 23.88 | 2.39 (A) |
| CBDD | 5. | Panidhing Bird Sanctuary (under Eco- | Sivasagar | 2024-25 | 9.99 | 1.00 (A) |

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| | | tourism and Amrit Dharohar category) | | | | |
| SASCI | 6. | Assam State Zoo Cum Botanical Garden in Guwahati | Guwahati | 2024-25 | 97.12 | 126.64 (A) |
| | 7. | Beautification of Rang Ghar in Sivasagar | Sivasagar | 2024-25 | 94.76 | |
| PRASHAD | 8. | Development of Kamakhya Temple and Pilgrimage Destination in and around Guwahati | Guwahati | 2015-16 | 29.80 | 29.80 (U) |
