

Ministry of Tourism provides Central Financial Assistance for tourism projects including Promotion of Tourism which are prioritized in consultation with the State Governments/Union Territories.

(b) and (c) The details of funds provided to the State Government for tourism development during last five years are as under:

Year	Amount Sanctioned (Rs. in Crore)
2007-08	15.54
2008-09	44.31
2009-10	19.74
2010-11	31.32
2011-12	14.50

There are no such proposals in the Union Government of Ministry of Tourism to provide funds under special package to the State Government of Rajasthan.

Promotion of religious tourism in North East States

1508. SHRIMATI NAZNIN FARUQUE: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the number of religious tourism places in North East States, especially in Assam;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has prepared a roadmap to promote religious tourism in the North East States, especially in Assam;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor and what action Government proposes to take to promote religious tourism in North East States which has big potentials in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (DR. K. CHIRANJEEVI): (a) and (b) Some of the major religious tourism places in the North East States are given in Statement (*See below*).

(c) to (e) Development and promotion of tourism including religious tourism, are undertaken primarily by State Governments/Union Territory Administrations. The Ministry of Tourism, Government of India, however, extends financial assistance to State Governments/Union Territory Administrations for tourism related projects identified in consultation with them under various tourism schemes of the Ministry and subject to availability of funds.

The Ministry of Tourism has undertaken the following steps to focus on the tourism potential of (including religious spots) in the North Eastern region:

- (i) Releasing television campaigns on various TV Channels.
- (ii) A separate section on the North Eastern region included on the promotional website of the Ministry of Tourism www.incredibleindia.org.
- (iii) The North Eastern region has been the theme of the India Pavilion at the South Asian Travel & Tourism Exchange (SATTE) organized annually in New Delhi for the past few years.
- (iv) Publicity material produced and distributed widely through Indiatourism offices overseas.

Statement

List of major religious tourism places in North East States

Sl. No.	Name of the projects
1	2
1.	Arunachal Pradesh Tawang/Ziro/Malinithan in Lekhanali/Rukhmininagar/Parshuram Kund in Lohit district
2.	Assam Kamakhya Temple/Barpeta/Hajo/Batadrawa/Majuli/Sivsagar/Tezpur/Kokrajhar/Dhubri Buddhist temple at Kaliani, Lekhapani
3.	Manipur Kaina/Jiribarn/Moreh/Thoubal/Senapati/Kakching/Ningthoukhong
4.	Meghalaya Matri Mandir Shillong

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5.	Mizoram Baptist Church
6.	Nagaland Catholic Cathedral in Kohima, Nagaland
7.	Sikkim Chochen Pheri/old Rumtek in East Sikkim/Soreng in West Sikkim
8.	Tripura Tripural Sundari Temple

Tourist infrastructure projects in NE region

1509. SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the details lists of tourism infrastructure projects sanctioned, in the North Eastern Region indicating amount allocated, released, utilized and progress made so far; and

(b) the details of places, tourist spots of North East being listed in Government's tourism network?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (DR. K. CHIRANJEEVI): (a) Development and promotion of tourism are undertaken primarily by State Governments/Union Territory Administrations. The Ministry of Tourism, Government of India, ' however, extends financial assistance to State Governments/ Union Territory Administrations for tourism related projects identified in consultation with them under various tourism schemes of the Ministry and subject to availability of funds.

The number of tourism projects and amount sanctioned to the States in the North East region under the scheme Product/Infrastructure Development for Destination and Circuits (PIDDC) during the Eleventh and for the current financial year (upto 30th September, 2012) is given in Statement (*See below*).

(b) The major tourist places/spots of the North East are listed in various publications and the website www.incredibleindia.org of the Ministry of tourism and is updated from time to time.