

(b) the details of tourist spots developed and beautified in Assam with the Central Financial Assistance provided during the last three years;

(c) the number of tourism projects/ proposals pending with the Central Government received so far from the State Government of Assam for grant of Central Financial Assistance;

(d) the time by which the financial assistance will be released; and

(e) the present status of projects as on date?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI PRAHALAD SINGH PATEL): (a) and (b) The details of tourist spots in Assam developed and beautified with Central Financial Assistance (CFA) under schemes *viz.* Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD) and "Integrated Development of Theme Based Tourist Circuit in the Country, Swadesh Darshan (SD)" is as follows:

- i. "Development of Kamakhya Temple and Pilgrimage Destination in and around Guwahati" sanctioned in 2015-16 at the cost of ₹30.71 crore under PRASHAD Scheme. The amount ₹22.03 crore has been released so far.
- ii. "Development of Manas- Probitora- Nameri- Kaziranga- Dibru- Saikhowa as Wildlife Circuit in Assam", sanctioned in 2015-16 under Swadesh Darshan Scheme at the cost of ₹95.67 crore. The amount ₹76.54 crore has been released so far.
- iii. "Development of Tezpur - Majuli - Sibsagar as Heritage Circuit in Assam under Swadesh Darshan scheme" sanctioned in 2016-17 at the cost of ₹98.35 crore. The amount ₹45.29 crore has been released so far.

(c) to (e) No proposal from Assam is pending in the Ministry of Tourism.

Measures to improve tourism

1753. DR. SASMIT PATRA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the details of foreign tourists that visited India over the past five years, year-wise and country-wise;

(b) total estimated revenue earned due to foreign tourists who visited India over the past five years, year-wise and country-wise; and

(c) the details of plans to improve the foreign tourist experience in India and steps taken in this direction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI PRAHALAD SINGH PATEL): (a) The information on country-wise Foreign Tourist Arrivals (FTA) in India for the past five years is given in the Statement (*See* below).

(b) Revenue earned from tourism is not centrally maintained. However, Ministry of Tourism estimates Foreign Exchange Earnings (FEEs) in India from tourism. The details of estimated FEEs during past five years are as under:

Year	FEEs (₹ crore)
2014	120367
2015	134844
2016	154146
2017	177874
2018	194881

Country-wise FEE from foreign tourists coming to India is not estimated.

(c) The measures taken by Ministry of Tourism, Government of India to facilitate the visit of tourists enhancing their experience include the following:

- i. Ministry of Tourism has been working very closely with Ministry of Home Affairs and Ministry of External Affairs for easing of Visa Regime in the country. Recently, Government of India made a series of amendments in e-visa regime including introduction of new categories of e-tourist visa valid for 5 years with multiple entry in addition to existing 1 year e-tourist visa and 1 month e-tourist visa with double entry and visa fee has also been rationalized. Visa-on-Arrival facility has also been given to nationals of three countries *viz.* Japan, Republic of Korea and UAE.
- ii. Ministry of Tourism has launched the 24x7 Multi-Lingual Tourist Info-Helpline on the toll free number 1800111363 or on a short code 1363 in

12 languages including 10 international languages and Hindi and English for domestic and foreign tourists to provide support service in terms of information relating to travel in India and also to offer appropriate guidance to tourists in distress while travelling in India.

Statement

Country-wise details of Foreign Tourist Arrivals (FTA) in India in last five years

Sl. No.	Country	FTA during 2014-2018				
		2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1.	Bangladesh	942562	1133879	1380409	2156557	2256675
2.	United States	1118983	1213624	1296939	1376919	1456678
3.	United Kingdom	838860	867601	941883	986296	1029757
4.	Sri Lanka	301601	299513	297418	303590	353684
5.	Canada	268485	281306	317239	335439	351040
6.	Australia	239762	263101	293625	324243	346486
7.	Malaysia	262026	272941	301961	322126	319172
8.	China	181020	206322	251313	247235	281768
9.	Germany	239106	248314	265928	269380	274087
10.	Russian Federation	269832	172419	227749	278904	262309
11.	France	246101	230854	238707	249620	261653
12.	Japan	219516	207415	208847	222527	236236
13.	Singapore	150731	152238	163688	175852	183581
14.	Nepal	126416	154720	161097	164018	174096
15.	Thailand	121362	115860	119663	140087	166293
16.	Afghanistan	115569	114406	123330	149176	153905
17.	Republic of Korea	106870	102993	111076	142383	150536
18.	Italy	91589	88091	95417	111915	126931
19.	Oman	88512	103740	105705	107217	95160

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
20.	Spain	66463	65694	76342	81442	84356
21.	Netherlands	67747	66181	71840	76652	81615
22.	Myanmar (Burma)	54631	55341	51376	56952	75773
23.	Portugal	36156	44616	54439	66378	74492
24.	Iraq	48321	42660	48227	56230	68462
25.	Israel	49312	50134	59231	58131	67366
26.	Maldives	65052	68907	67457	66150	62337
27.	New Zealand	42864	45171	50917	56597	60664
28.	United Arab Emirates	59332	55818	67615	67238	59971
29.	South Africa	56246	51922	52636	57060	58613
30.	Philippines	43240	47912	52692	53963	53473
31.	Taiwan	35857	36349	42327	47043	49457
32.	Switzerland	45773	46151	48123	49607	49322
33.	Kenya	46158	46139	44783	46011	48845
34.	Saudi Arabia	55487	63835	61605	52976	47546
35.	Indonesia	32215	34933	35084	43973	46867
36.	Sweden	44948	42626	43689	45851	46743
37.	Belgium	37441	36684	37960	41902	44086
38.	Mauritius	27945	32533	34280	37706	42096
39.	Pakistan	96434	124924	104720	44266	41659
40.	Ireland	28978	32973	36440	37993	39276
41.	Iran	31222	30774	39184	42641	35596
42.	Sudan	11896	13704	17093	22762	34712
43.	Turkey	24294	25670	29545	33251	33825
44.	Austria	34360	33670	33089	31832	33200
45.	Poland	25205	26499	25706	28674	31555
46.	Vietnam	15132	15341	16728	23771	31427

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
47.	Denmark	26775	24073	24717	26761	28195
48.	Brazil	19563	20610	21289	24453	26579
49.	Bhutan	16001	19084	20940	25267	26470
50.	Ukraine	29281	23098	26753	25988	26260
51.	Turkmenistan	5547	9805	14302	17653	25038
52.	Ethiopia	13133	14547	20555	23215	24277
53.	United Republic Of Tanzania	26284	25488	23026	22261	23443
54.	Norway	19690	19757	20148	20882	22631
55.	Uzbekistan	12869	18038	21605	23257	21686
56.	Yemen	34207	20901	19383	21695	21674
57.	Finland	18765	18129	18371	20384	21239
58.	Egypt	16715	19168	20864	20528	20486
59.	Mexico	13978	14049	15689	18114	19909
60.	Argentina	9731	9351	12308	14875	16345
61.	Other Countries	304948	304537	319339	339934	350363
TOTAL		7679099	8027133	8804411	10035803	10557976

**Infrastructure development for Beating Retreat ceremony at
Agartala-Akhaura border with Bangladesh**

1754. SHRI B. LINGAIAH YADAV: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has sanctioned funds to create infrastructure for Beating Retreat ceremony at Agartala-Akhaura border with Bangladesh, similar to that at Wagah in Punjab, if so, the details thereof; and