

crores with 50% support from the Ministry of Tourism under the scheme "Assistance to Central Agencies for Tourism Infrastructure Development". Design consultancy for berth structure is entrusted to IIT Chennai at a cost of ₹32 lakhs and architectural consultancy for terminal building is awarded to M/s. Creative Group, Delhi at a cost of ₹28 lakhs.

- (ii) Cochin port is constructing a new international cruise terminal at a cost of ₹25.72 crores under the aid of Ministry of Tourism and is expected to be commissioned in February, 2020.
- (iii) Mormugao Port Trust had constructed International Cruise Terminal Building in 2017 and deepened Cruise Berth from -9m to -12m for berthing of bigger size vessels upto 400m Length of Approach (LOA) with an expenditure of about ₹ 20.83crores.
- (iv) New Mangalore Port Trust constructed a cruise lounge in 2007-08 and incurred an expenditure of ₹ 2.52 crores. Various works in connection with visit of cruise passenger ships and renovation of cruise lounge are taken with an expenditure of ₹ 40 lakhs approx.
- (v) A cruise terminal was set up in Chennai Port Trust for domestic and international Cruise service with expenditure of 1724.66 lakhs granted by M/o Tourism. It was inaugurated on 12.10.2018.
- (vi) Mumbai Port Trust has taken up various projects *i.e.* up-gradation of existing cruise terminal at Ballard Pier Extension (BPX), Indira Dock, construction of Ro-Ro pax facility, construction of domestic cruise terminal, traffic evacuation plan for the domestic cruise, marina and Ro-Ro pax terminal at Prince's Dock (phase-II), traffic evacuation plan (facility for passengers), including construction of boundary wall in prince's dock and modernization of ferry terminal at a combined cost of about ₹ 92.45 crores.

Development of tourist spots in Assam

1752. SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of tourist spots in Assam, location-wise;

(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;