

Government of India
Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region

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UNSTARRED QUESTION No.2578

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QUESTION
PROMOTION OF NORTH-EASTERN STATES AS PREFERRED TOURIST DESTINATION

2578. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI:

Will the MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has prioritized development of the tourism infrastructure of North-Eastern States to attract domestic and foreign tourists;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has identified locations in different States for development keeping in view the tourism potential; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and also the tentative time-limit fixed to initiate efforts?

ANSWER
The Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region

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(a) & (b) Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (MDoNER), under its North East Special Infrastructure Development Scheme (NESIDS) provides for 100% financial assistance to North Eastern States for taking up various projects of physical infrastructure relating to water

supply, power, and connectivity to enhance tourism. Under NESIDS, 17 projects costing Rs. 549.41 Crore under water supply sector, 04 projects costing Rs. 231.98 Crore under power sector and 33 projects worth Rs. 1029.81 Crore for development of Infrastructure for Tourism have been sanctioned for North Eastern States. For NEC, regional tourism is one of the focussed sectors for North Eastern (NE) States. 43 projects worth Rs.183.77 Crore sanctioned by North Eastern Council (NEC) are at various stages of implementations in the North Eastern States. Projects for promotion of tourism in the region are sanctioned by MDoNER/NEC in consultation with eight North Eastern States and other stakeholders. Ministry of Tourism (MoT) provides special emphasis on the development and promotion of tourism for NE States. MoT implements Swadesh Darshan Scheme, Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spirituality Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD) and Fairs & Festival under Domestic Promotion and Publicity including Hospitality (DPPH) Scheme in the NE region.

(c) & (d) Identification and development of tourism sites is primarily the responsibility of State Governments/Union Territory Administrators. However, Ministry of Tourism under its scheme of Swadesh Darshan and Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spirituality Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD) provides financial assistance to the State Governments/Union Territory Administrators/Central Agencies for development of to Tourism infrastructure and facilities in the country including North Eastern States. The projects under these schemes are identified for development in consultation with the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations and are sanctioned subject to availability of funds, submission of suitable Detailed Project Reports, adherence to scheme guidelines and utilization of funds released earlier etc. Timelines for completion are indicated at the time of sanctioning the projects. The projects sanctioned under Swadesh Darshan scheme in the North Eastern States of India are at different stages of implementation. The details of the amount sanctioned and released for the projects sanctioned to North Eastern States under the scheme of Swadesh Darshan and PRASHAD are **Annexed**.

THE DETAILS OF PROJECT SANCTIONED UNDER SWADESH DARSHAN & PRASHAD SCHEMES TO NORTH EASTERN REGION

1. SWADESH DARSHAN SCHEME

(Amt. in crore)

S.No	State	Circuit	Name of project	Sanction Amt.	Release Amt.
2014-15					
1.	Arunachal Pradesh	North-East Circuit	Development of Circuit at Bhalukpong- Bomdila and Tawang	49.77	39.81
2015-16					
2.	Manipur	North-East Circuit	Development of Circuit at Imphal- Khongjom	72.23	61.32
3.	Sikkim	North-East Circuit	Development of Circuit linking Rangpo (entry)- Rorathang- Aritar- Phadamchen- Nathang- Sherathang- Tsongmo- Gangtok- Phodong- Mangan- Lachung- Yumthang- Lachen- Thangu- Gurudongmer- Mangan- Tamil- TuminLingee- Singtam (exit)	98.05	92.77
4.	Nagaland	Tribal Circuit	Development of Circuit at Peren- Kohima- Wokha	97.36	87.62
5.	Mizoram	North-East Circuit	Integrated Development of Thenzawl & South Zote, Districts Serchhip and Reiek	92.26	87.65
6.	Assam	Wildlife Circuit	Development of Manas- Pobitora- Nameri- Kaziranga- Dibru- Saikhowa	94.68	81.77
7.	Arunachal Pradesh	North-East Circuit	Integrated Development of Jirigaon, Nafra, Seppa, Pappu, Pasa, Pakke Valleys, Lumdung, LafangSohung lake, Taro Yar, New Sagalee, Ziro, Yomcha	96.72	84.24
8.	Tripura	North-East Circuit	Development of North East Circuit: Agartala- Sipahijala- Melaghar- Udaipur- Amarpur- Tirthamukh- Mandirghat- Dumboor- NarikelKunja- Gandachara- Ambassa	82.85	68.58
2016-17					
9.	Meghalaya	North-East Circuit	Development of Umium (Lake View), U LumSohpetbneng- Mawdiangdiang- Orchid Lake Resort	99.13	92.91
10.	Manipur	Spiritual Circuit	Development of Shri Govindajee Temple, Shri Bijoy Govindajee Temple- Shri Gopinath Temple- Shri Bungshibodon Temple- Shri Kaina Temple	53.80	43.04
11.	Sikkim	North-East Circuit	Development of Tourist Circuit Linking Lingmoo-Lingee- Maka- Temi-Bermoik Namchi- Okharey- Sombaria- Daramdin-	95.32	76.25

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12.	Nagaland	Tribal Circuit	Development of Mokokchung- Tuensang- Mon	98.14	88.33
13.	Mizoram	Eco-Tourism	Development of Eco-Adventure Circuit at Aizawl- Rawpuichhip- Khawphawp- Lengpui- Durtlang-Chatlang- Sakawrhmutuaitlang- Muthee- Beratlawng- Tuirial Airfield- Hmuifang	99.07	49.53
14.	Assam	Heritage Circuit	Development of Tezpur- Majuli- Sibsagar	90.98	72.78
2018-19					
15.	Tripura	North-East Circuit	Development of SurmaCherra- Unakoti- Jampui Hills- Gunabati- Bhunaneshwari- Matabari- Neermahal- Boxanagar- Chottakhola- Pilak- Avangchaarra	65.00	0.00
16.	Meghalaya	North-East Circuit	Development of West Khasi Hills (Nongkhlaw- KremTiro- Khudoi & Kohmang Falls- Khri River- Mawthadraishan, Shillon), Jaintia Hills (Krang Suri Falls- Shyrmang-looks), Garo Hills (Nokrek, Reserve, KattaBeel, Siju Caves)	84.97	25.49

2. PRASHAD SCHEME

S.no	State/UTs	Name of Project	Year of sanction	Approved Cost	Amount Released
1.	Arunachal Pradesh	Development of Parasuram Kund, Lohit Distt.	2020-21	37.88	Nil
2.	Assam	Development of Kamakhya Temple and Pilgrimage Destination in and around Guwahati	2015-16	30.71	24.57
3.	Meghalaya	Development of Pilgrimage Facilitation in Meghalaya	2020-21	29.32	6.53
4.	Nagaland	Development of Pilgrimage Infrastructure in Nagaland	2018-19	25.26	13.49
5.	Sikkim	Development of Pilgrimage Facilitation at Four Patron Saints, Yuksom	2020-21	33.32	Nil
6.	Tripura	Development of Tripura Sundari Temple, Udaipur	2020-21	37.84	Nil
