

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2059
ANSWERED ON 08.08.2024

NEW TOURISM DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS FOR NER

2059 SHRI AJIT KUMAR BHUYAN:

Will the Minister of **TOURISM** be pleased to state:

- (a) the new tourism development projects conceptualised and being implemented in the NER during the last five years, indicating sanction, implementation status and funding pattern thereof;
- (b) the list of new proposals in the pipeline and status thereof; and
- (c) the latest trend of national and international tourist flow into the region, including natural and spiritual sites, during the last three years?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM

(SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a) & (b): Ministry of Tourism under the schemes of ‘Swadesh Darshan’, ‘National Mission on Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD)’ & ‘Assistance to Central Agencies for Tourism Infrastructure Development’ provides financial assistance to State Governments/Union Territory Administrations/Central Agencies for the development of tourism related infrastructure and facilities at various tourism destinations in the country including North Eastern Region.

The Ministry of Tourism has now revamped the Swadesh Darshan Scheme as Swadesh Darshan 2.0 (SD 2.0) with the objective to develop sustainable and responsible tourism destinations, following a destination & tourism centric approach.

The details of projects sanctioned under the above mentioned schemes in North Eastern region are given at **Annexure-I**.

Additionally, some destinations in the North Eastern region have been identified for development under SD 2.0, PRASHAD and "Challenge Based Destination Development" sub-scheme of Swadesh Darshan 2.0. The details of these identified destinations are at **Annexure-II**.

The proposals for projects at identified destinations are formulated by the concerned State Governments/UT Administrations. Reviewing and sanctioning of the projects is an ongoing process and is done as per procedures and requirements stipulated in the scheme guidelines.

The Swadesh Darshan and PRASHAD Schemes are Central Sector Schemes under which 100% fund is provided by the Ministry for Tourism to the concerned State Governments/UT Administrations. The funds are sanctioned and released to the Implementing Agencies in instalments as per the provision of the extant scheme guidelines and in conformity with the other instructions and directions issued by the Government of India from time to time.

Under the scheme of “Assistance to central Agencies for Tourism Infrastructure Development” Central Financial Assistance up to Rs.50 Crore is provided to Central Agencies for developing tourism infrastructure.

(c): The details of Domestic and Foreign Tourist Visits in the North- Eastern Region during the last three years are at **Annexure-III**.

ANNEXURE-I

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) & (b) OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2059 ANSWERED ON 08.08.2024 REGARDING NEW TOURISM DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS FOR NER RAISED BY SHRI AJIT KUMAR BHUYAN.

Swadesh Darshan Scheme

(Rs. in Crore)

S. No.	State/ UT	Circuit / Sanction Year	Name of the Project	Amount Sanctioned	Amount Released	Physical Status
1.	Arunachal Pradesh	North-East Circuit 2014-15	Development of Bhalukpong- Bomdila and Tawang	49.77	47.28	Complete
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	North East Circuit 2015-16	Development of Nafra- Seppa- Pappu, Pasa, Pakke Valleys- Sangdupota- New Sagalee- Ziro- Yomcha	96.72	91.88	Complete
3.	Assam	Wildlife Circuit 2015-16	Development of Manas- Probitora- Nameri- Kaziranga- Dibru- Saikhowa	94.68	89.94	Complete
4.	Assam	Heritage Circuit 2016-17	Development of Tezpur – Majuli – Sibsagar	90.98	90.97	Complete
5.	Manipur	North-East Circuit 2015-16	Development of Tourist Circuit in Manipur: Imphal- Khongjom	72.23	61.32	Complete
6.	Manipur	Spiritual Circuit 2016-17	Development of Shri Govindajee Temple, Shri Bijoy Govindajee Temple – Shri Gopinath Temple – Shri Bungshibodon Temple – Shri Kaina Temple	45.34	45.33	Complete
7.	Meghalaya	North East Circuit 2016-17	Development of Umium (Lake View), U Lum Sohpetbneng- Mawdiangdiang – Orchid Lake Resort	99.13	99.11	Complete
8.	Meghalaya	North East Circuit 2018-19	Development of West Khasi Hills (Nongkhlaw- KremTiro- Khudoi & Kohmang Falls – Khri River- Mawthadraishan,	84.97	84.96	Complete

			Shillong), Jaintia Hills (Krang Suri Falls-Shyrmang- Iooksi), Garo Hills (Nokrek Reserve, Katta Beel, Siju Caves)			
9.	Mizoram	North East Circuit 2015-16	Development of Thenzawl & South Zote, District Serchhip and Reiek.	92.26	92.26	Complete
10.	Mizoram	Eco Circuit 2016-17	Development of Eco-Adventure Circuit Aizawl -Rawpuichhip – Khawhphawp – Lengpui – Chatlang- Sakawrhmutuaitlang - Muthee – Beratlawng - Tuirial Airfield – Hmuifang	66.37	53.09	Complete
11.	Nagaland	Tribal Circuit 2015-16	Development of Tribal Circuit Peren- Kohima- Wokha	97.36	97.36	Complete
12.	Nagaland	Tribal Circuit 2016-17	Development of Mokokchung-Tuensang- Mon	98.14	98.14	Complete
13.	Sikkim	North East Circuit 2015-16	Development of Tourist Circuit linking Rangpo (entry) – Rorathang- Aritar- Phadamchen- Nathang-Sherathang- Tsongmo- Gangtok- Phodong- Mangan- Lachung-Yumthang- Lachen- Thangu- Gurudongmer- Mangan- Gangtok-TuminLingee- Singtam (exit)	98.05	97.41	Complete
14.	Sikkim	North East Circuit 2016-17	Development of Tourist Circuit Linking Singtam– Maka- Temi- BermoikTokel- Phongia- Namchi –Jorthang- Okharey- Sombaria- Daramdin- Jorethang- Melli (Exit)	95.32	95.32	Complete
15.	Tripura	North East Circuit	Development of Agartala - Sipahijala - Melaghar -	82.85	77.76	Complete

		2015-16	Udaipur - Amarpur-Tirthamukh-Mandirghat- Dumboor-NarikelKunja-Gandachara- Ambassa			
16.	Tripura	North East Circuit 2018-19	Development of SurmaCherra- Unakoti-Jampui Hills- Gunabati - Bhunaneshwari- Neermahal- Boxanagar-Chottakhola- Pilak-Avangchaarra	44.83	35.25	Complete

Swadesh Darshan 2.0

(Rs. in Crore)

Sn	State /UT	Destination	Interventions Name	Sanctioned Cost
1	Sikkim	Gangtok	Gangtok Cultural Village	22.59
2	Meghalaya	Sohra	Meghalayan age Cave Experience	32.45
3	Arunachal Pradesh	Mechuka	Mechuka Cultural Haat	18.48
4	Assam	Kokrajhar	Kokrajhar Wetland Experience	26.67
5	Assam	Jorhat	Reimagining Cinnamara Tea Estate	23.91
6	Sikkim	Gyalshing	Eco-Wellness Experience at Yuksom Cluster	15.40
7	Arunachal Pradesh	Nacho	Unlock Nacho Expedition	14.02
8	Arunachal Pradesh	Mechuka	Mechuka Adventure Park	12.75
9	Meghalaya	Sohra	Waterfall Trails experience	27.84
10	Nagaland	Chumoukedima	Tribal Cultural Experience at Midway Retreat	21.56

PRASHAD Scheme

(Rs. in Crore)

S. No.	State/UT	Project Name	Sanction Year	Approved Cost	Amount Released	Physical Progress %
1	Arunachal Pradesh	Development of Parshuram Kund	2020-21	37.88	21.95	83%
2	Assam	Development of Pilgrimage	2015-16	29.80	29.80	100%

		amenities at Kamakhya Temple				
3	Meghalaya	Development of Pilgrimage Facilitation at Nongswalia Church, Nartiang Shakti Peeth, Aitnar Pool and Charantala Kali Temple	2020-21	29.29	24.92	100%
4	Mizoram	Development of Infrastructure for Pilgrimage and Heritage Tourism at Chite Vang, Zuangtai, Reiek and Aizawl	2022-23	44.89	6.52	9%
5	Nagaland	Development of Pilgrimage Infrastructure at Molungkimong, Noksen Church, Aizuto, Wokha and Kohima	2018-19	25.20	21.33	76%
6	Nagaland	Development of Pilgrimage Tourism Infrastructure at Zunheboto	2022-23	18.18	10.90	28%
7	Sikkim	Development of Pilgrimage Facilitation at Four Patron Saints, Yuksom	2020-21	33.32	28.31	87%
8	Tripura	Development of Tripura Sundari Temple	2020-21	37.80	25.62	67%

Assistance to Central Agencies for Tourism Infrastructure Development Scheme

(Rs. in Crore)

S. No	Name of State	Year	Name of Project	Agency	Amount sanctioned	Amount Released	Status
1.	Assam (Neamati, Pandu, Jogighopa & Biswanathghat)	2019-20	Ministry of Tourism has accorded approval for continuation of the development of 4 nos jetties in NW-2 (Brahmaputra)	IWAI	28.03	7.01	Ongoing
2.	Mizoram	2020-21	Development of Convention Centre and associated	WAPCO S	39.95	27.69	Ongoing

			Infrastructure at Aizawl, Mizoram				
3.	NER	2022-23	Development of 22 viewpoints in North Eastern States (i) Nagaland (2 view points) (ii) Meghalaya (3 view points) (iii) Mizoram (9 view points) (iv) Arunachal Pradesh (4 view points) (v) Manipur (3 view points) (vi) Sikkim/We st Bengal (1 view point)	NHIDCL	44.44	27.06	Ongoing
4.	Assam	2018-19	Joint Development of Kamakhya Railway Station	Ministry of Railways	4.96	4.02	Complete
5.	Assam	2018-19	Joint Development of Guwahati Railway Station	Ministry of Railways	4.99	4.34	Complete

ANNEXURE-II

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) & (b) OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2059 ANSWERED ON 08.08.2024 REGARDING NEW TOURISM DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS FOR NER RAISED BY SHRI AJIT KUMAR BHUYAN

Destination identified under SD 2.0

S. No.	States/Union Territory	Destinations Selected/Notified
1	Arunachal Pradesh	Nacho, Mechuka
2	Assam	Jorhat, Kokrajhar
3	Manipur	Moirang (Bishnupur)
4	Meghalaya	Shillong, Sohra
5	Mizoram	Aizawl, Champhai
6	Nagaland	Niuland, Chumoukedima
7	Sikkim	Gangtok, Gyalshing
8	Tripura	Agartala, Unakoti

Destination identified under "Challenge Based Destination Development" sub-scheme of Swadesh Darshan 2.0.

S. No.	Destination	State/UT	Category
1	Langthabal Konug	Manipur	Culture & Heritage Destinations
2.	Mawphlang Village	Meghalaya	Culture & Heritage Destinations
3.	Nartiang Village	Meghalaya	Spiritual Destinations
4.	Impur Village	Nagaland	Spiritual Destinations
5.	Bichom Dam	Arunachal Pradesh	Ecotourism and Amrit Dharohar Destinations
6.	Sivasagar	Assam	Ecotourism and Amrit Dharohar Destinations
7.	Doyang Reservoir	Nagaland	Ecotourism and Amrit Dharohar Destinations
8.	Kibitho	Arunachal Pradesh	Vibrant Villages Program Destinations
9.	Gnathang	Sikkim	Vibrant Villages Program Destinations

PRASHAD Scheme

S. No.	State/UT	Project/ Subject
1	Mizoram	Vangchhia, Champhai District

ANNEXURE-III

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PART (c) OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2059 ANSWERED ON 08.08.2024 REGARDING NEW TOURISM DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS FOR NER RAISED BY SHRI AJIT KUMAR BHUYAN.

Domestic and Foreign Tourist Visits in the North- Eastern Region during the last three years

States/UTs	2021		2022		2023 (P)	
	DTV	FTV	DTV	FTV	DTV	FTV
Arunachal Pradesh	102915	182	222437	1045	1040601	4496
Assam	1409161	536	8382003	9001	7612720	23818
Manipur	49371	648	139518	3908	57701	3668
Meghalaya	154409	411	937091	7874	1371674	19973
Mizoram	87232	234	218420	2611	209087	3754
Nagaland	23968	325	97431	2923	99720	4725
Sikkim	511669	11508	1625573	68645	1321169	93908
Tripura	177816	5	235600	8491	366104	66708

Source: State Tourism Departments

P: Provisional
