

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1125  
ANSWERED ON:27.07.2015  
World Heritage Status to Majuli Island  
Boianapalli Shri Vinod Kumar

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

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1125. SHRI B. VINOD KUMAR:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the centre has taken steps to expedite the proposal of World heritage site status for Majuli island located in the Brahmaputra river in Assam;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the centre is planning to develop Majuli island as a tourist destination, especially with the help of cruise tourism : and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE, CULTURE & TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) AND MINISTER OF STATE, CIVIL AVIATION  
(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

- (a) & (b) Yes Madam, The Government of Assam has been requested to engage a consultant for the revision of the nomination dossier on Majuli Island as per the latest Operational Guidelines of UNESCO. Archaeological Survey of India is ready to extend technical support in this regard.
- (b) & (d) Development and promotion of tourism is primarily the responsibility of the respective State Governments. However, the Ministry of Tourism provides Central Financial Assistance (CFA) to various State Governments for various tourism projects consultation with them subject to availability of funds, inter-se priority and adherence to the scheme guidelines. The details of the funds sanctioned by the Ministry of Tourism for development of Majuli Island is given in annexure-I

ANNEXURE-I

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (c) & (d) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1125 FOR 27.07.2015 RAISED BY SHRI B. VINOD KUMAR REGARDING WORLD HERITAGE STATUS TO MAJULI ISLAND.

The details of the funds sanctioned by the Ministry of Tourism for development of Majuli Island is as follows:

(Rs. in lakh)

S. No.	Year	Name of the projects	Amount Sanctioned	Status
1.	2002-03	Development of Heritage & Eco-Tourism Resort at Majuli	382.25	Completed
2.	2002-03	River Front development along Brahmaputra	30.00	Completed
3.	2006-07	Destination development of Brahmaputra River front and Cruise Vessel on Brahmaputra	365.52	Completed