

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2391
ANSWERED ON 08.07.2019**

DEVELOPMENT OF TOURIST SPOTS IN NORTH EASTERN REGION

2391. SHRI PRADYUT BORDOLOI:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the North-Eastern Region has remarkable tourist spots and has the potential for development to attract foreign tourists;**
- (b) if so, the details of action taken by the Government for promotion of tourism and development of tourist spots in the North Eastern Region during the last three years;**
- (c) whether the Government has received such proposals from State Government of Assam for promotion and development of areas as tourist spots during the last two years; and**
- (d) if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
(SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL)**

(a) to (b): Yes, Sir. The Ministry of Tourism has sanctioned various projects in the North Eastern region to enhance tourist experience by developing/ upgrading tourism infrastructure, diversify tourism products, provide skilled manpower to tourism and hospitality industry and to promote prominent tourist spots in North Eastern Region through its schemes and programmes. The Government of India also promotes tourist destinations in the country including North Eastern Region through seminars, advertisements (print & electronic) fairs and exhibitions etc. North Eastern States are given complementary space at important travel marts/ exhibitions such as WTM London, ITB Berlin etc. Ministry of tourism under its hospitality scheme during 2018-19 invited/ hosted tour operators, travel agents, media etc. to cover important events in North Eastern Region.

Year wise details of the important projects sanctioned to North-Eastern Region in last three years is given at Annexure.

(c) to (d): The government of Assam had submitted two proposals for developing Spiritual and North East Circuit under Swadesh Darshan scheme and forwarded a proposal of Bodoland Territorial Council (BTC) for tourist campus at Dheer Bil at Kokrajhar under the scheme Assistance to Central Agencies in last two years. The proposals were however, either part of the already sanctioned projects or needed to be modified in accordance with the spirit of schemes. The State Government was informed accordingly.

ANNEXURE

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (b) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2391 ANSWERED ON 08.07.2019 REGARDING DEVELOPMENT OF TOURIST SPOTS IN NORTH EASTERN REGION.

LIST OF PROJECTS SANCTIONED TO NORTH EASTERN REGION UNDER SWADESH DARSHAN SCHEME DURING LAST THREE YEARS

(Rs. in Crore)

| S. No. | State | Year of Sanction | Circuit | Name of Project | Sanctioned Amt. |
|---------------|------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|---|------------------------|
| 1. | Meghalaya | 2016-17 | North East circuit | Development of Umium(Lake View), U LumSohpetbneng Mawdiangdiang– Orchid Lake Resort, | 99.13 |
| 2. | Manipur | | Spiritual circuit | Development of Spiritual Circuit – Shri Govindajee Temple, Shri BijoyGovindajee Temple – Shri Gopinath Temple – Shri Bungshibodon Temple – Shri Kaina Temple | 53.80 |
| 3. | Sikkim | | North East circuit | Development of Tourist Circuit Linking Singtam– Maka– Temi– BermoikTokel– Phongia– Namchi– Jorthang– Okharey– Sombaria- | 95.32 |

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| | | | | Daramdin-Jorethang-Melli(Exit) | |
| 4. | Nagaland | | Tribal circuit | Development of Tribal circuit (Mokokchung-Tuensang-Mon) | 99.67 |
| 5. | Mizoram | | Eco-Tourism | Development of Eco-Adventure Circuit Aizawl - Rawpuichhip-Khawhphawp-Lengpui-Durtlang-Chatlang-Sakawrhmutuaitlang- Muthee-Beratlawng - Tuirial Airfield - Hmuifang | 99.07 |
| 6. | Assam | | Heritage circuit | Development of Tezpur- Majuli-Sibsagar as Heritage Circuit | 98.35 |
| 7 | Tripura | 2018-19 | North East circuit | Development of North East circuit: SurmaCherra-Unakoti- Jampui Hills- Gunabati-Bhunaneshwari-Matabari- Neermahal-Boxanagar-Chottakhola-Pilak- Avangchaarra | 65.00 |
| 8. | Meghalaya | | North East circuit | Development of West Khasi Hills (Nongkhlaw-KremTiro- | 84.97 |

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| | | | | Khudoi& Kohmang Falls – Khri River- Mawthadraishan, Shillong), Jaintia Hills (Krang Suri Falls- Shyrmang- looksi), Garo Hills (Nokrek Reserve, KattaBeel, Siju Caves) | |
| | | | | Total | 695.31 |

LIST OF PROJECTS SANCTIONED TO NORTH EASTERN REGION FOR ORGANIZING FAIRS & FESTIVAL DURING LAST THREE YEARS

(Rs. in Lakh)

| Name of the State | Year | Name of Fairs and Festival | Sanctioned amount | Released amount |
|--------------------------|----------------|--|--------------------------|------------------------|
| Assam | 2016-17 | (i)RassMahotsav, Majuli, 2016 | 35.00 | 35.00 |
| | | (ii)Bodo National Festival, 2016 | | |
| | | (iii)Rongali Festival, 2017 | | |
| | 2017-18 | NIL | NIL | NIL |
| | 2018-19 | (i)Rongali festival | 50.00 | 50.00 |
| | | (ii)International Buddhist conference | | |
| Arunachal Pradesh | 2016-17 | NIL | NIL | NIL |
| | 2017-18 | (i)TawangFestival, 2017 | 40.00 | 40.00 |
| | | (ii)MenchukaAdventure Festival, 2017 | | |
| | 2018-19 | Basar Confluence 3.0 | 20.00 | 20.00 |
| Manipur | 2016-17 | (i)Manipur Sangai Festival | 50.00 | 50.00 |
| | | (ii)Youth Adventureand | | |

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| | | (iii)Water Adventure sports festival 2016 | | |
| | 2017-18 | (i)Manipur Sangai Festival 2017 (ii)“Youth Adventure & Water Sports Festival 2017”. | 50.00 | 50.00 |
| | 2018-19 | NIL | NIL | NIL |
| Meghalaya | 2016-17 | (i)Wangala Dance Festival (ii) Nongkrem Dance Festival, 2016 | 42.22 | 42.22 |
| | 2017-18 | (i) Wangala Dance Festival-2017, (ii)Nongkrem Dance Festival 2017 (iii)Lasubon Festival-2017 | 50.00 | 50.00 |
| | 2018-19 | (i)Wangala Dance Festival (ii) Nongkrem Dance Festival 2018 | 50.00 | 50.00 |
| Mizoram | 2016-17 | NIL | NIL | NIL |
| | 2017-18 | (i)Winter Festival 2017 (ii)ChapcharKut 2018. | 50.00 | 50.00 |
| | 2018-19 | NIL | NIL | NIL |
| Nagaland | 2016-17 | Hornbill Festival, 2016 | 25.00 | 25.00 |
| | 2017-18 | (i)Sekrenyi Festival (ii)Hornbill Festival (iii)Rengma’sNgadah Festival | 50.0 | 50.00 |
| | 2018-19 | NIL | NIL | NIL |
| Sikkim | 2016-17 | (i)World Tourism Day, 2016 Gangtok (ii) Celebration of Red Panda Winter Festival, 2016 Gangtok | 50.00 | 50.00 |
| | 2017-18 | (i), Red Panda Winter festival, 2017 Gangtok (ii) World Tourism Day, | 50.00 | 50.00 |

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| | | 2017 Gangtok | | |
| | 2018-19 | (i)World Tourism Day (ii)Red Panda Festival , Gangtok | 50.00 | 50.00 |

**LIST OF PROJECTS SANCTIONED TO NORTH EASTERN REGION FOR
IT PROJECT DURING LAST THREE YEARS**

(Rs. in Lakh)

| Year | State/UT | Name of Projects | Amount sanctioned | Amount released |
|----------------|-----------------|---|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 2017-18 | Nagaland | CFA for Information Technology, Nagaland 2017- 18. | 50.00 | 45.00 |
| 2018-19 | Nagaland | CFA for Information Technology, Nagaland, 2018-19 | 50.00 | 45.00 |
