

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3453
ANSWERED ON 15.07.2019**

DEVELOPMENT OF PLACES OF ASSAM AS TOURIST DESTINATION

3453. SHRI GAURAV GOGOI:

SHRI KRIPANATH MALLAH:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has prepared any plan to develop parts of Assam to be more tourist friendly;**
- (b) if so, whether the places such as Bordowa Than, Borbheti, Mallow Pathar, Jorhat Athkeliya, Kaliabor and Sonbeel feature in these plans to be specifically developed as tourism and holiday destinations and if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether the Government has received a comprehensive proposal under “Swadesh Darshan Scheme” regarding development of Sonbeel Tourist place from the Assam Government, Department of Tourism;**
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government so far for allocation of necessary fund;**
- (e) whether Government has taken/proposes to take steps to implement the long awaited public demand for the tourism project as it has tremendous tourism potentiality to attract domestic and foreign tourists; and**
- (f) whether the Government proposes to arrange to engage a reputed consultant for preparation of DPR for the project at Sonbeel, one of the largest water body of Asia and if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

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

(a) to (f): Identification and development of tourism destinations is primarily the responsibility of State Governments/Union Territory

Administrations. However, Ministry of Tourism under Swadesh Darshan and PRASHAD Schemes is developing tourism infrastructure in the identified circuits/sites, across the country, having tourism potential in a planned and prioritized manner.

The projects under the above 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. Based on the above criteria Ministry has sanctioned following projects in Assam under the above schemes:

(Rs. in crore)

Sr.	Circuit/ Sanction Year	Project Name	Amount Sanctioned
SWADESH DARSHAN SCHEME			
1	Wildlife Circuit (2015-16)	Development of Manas- Pobitora- Nameri- Kaziranga- Dibru Saikhowa	95.67
2.	Heritage Circuit (2016-17)	Development of Tezpur- Majuli- Sibsagar	98.35
PRASHAD SCHEME			
3.	Kamakhya (2015-16)	Development of Kamakhya Temple and Pilgrimage Destination in and around Guwahati	33.98

No project has been received from Government of Assam for the development of Bordowa Than, Borbheti, Mallow Pathar, Jorhat Athkeliya, Kaliabor and Sonbeel in Assam.
