

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 300
ANSWERED ON 08.12.2022

STEPS TO PROMOTE TOURISM IN DARJEELING HILLS

300. SMT. SHANTA CHHETRI:

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

- (a) the steps being taken by Government to promote tourism industry in Darjeeling hills;
- (b) whether Government proposes to develop tea tourism of Darjeeling by giving it the status of tourism industry;
- (c) whether Government proposes to introduce air services in view of tourism; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM

(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

(a): Ministry of Tourism promotes the tourism destinations of the country, including Darjeeling, in a holistic manner. The promotions are carried out under the schemes of “Domestic Promotion and Publicity including Hospitality” (DPPH) and “Overseas Promotion & Publicity including Market Development Assistance” (OPMD) in the domestic and important global markets. Promotions are also carried out under different themes including heritage, spiritual, wellness, eco, adventure including tea tourism, through the web-site – www.incredibleindia.org and social media handles of the Ministry.

(b): According of “industry status” to tourism is the prerogative of the State Government/ UT Administrations. However, Ministry of Tourism, Government of India has advised all the States / UTs including West Bengal, to provide industry status to the tourism sector.

(c) and (d): The Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) –UDAN Scheme was launched by Ministry of Civil Aviation to stimulate regional connectivity. Ministry of Tourism has also approached Ministry of Civil Aviation to extend financial support in the form of Viability Gap Funding (VGF) under the Champion Service Sector Scheme (CSSS), with the purpose of further improving connectivity to important tourist places including Iconic sites. At present, 59 Tourism RCS (T-RCS) routes have been approved by the Ministry of Tourism, out of which 51 are operational. The list of Tourism RCS approved routes are given in Annexure.

ANNEXURE

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (c) AND (d) OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 300 ANSWERED ON 08.12.2022 REGARDING STEPS TO PROMOTE TOURISM IN DARJEELING HILLS

The List of RCS-UDAN Tourism Routes including their status

Sl. No.	Route	Status
1.	Agra to Bhopal	Commenced
2.	Bhopal to Agra	Commenced
3.	Bengaluru to Mysuru	Commenced
4.	Mysuru to Bengaluru	Commenced
5.	Dibrugarh to Dimapur	Commenced
6.	Dimapur to Dibrugarh	Commenced
7.	Dimapur to Imphal	Commenced
8.	Imphal to Dimapur	Commenced
9.	Agartala to Aizawl	Commenced
10.	Aizawl to Agartala	Commenced
11.	Ahmedabad to Udaipur	Commenced
12.	Udaipur to Ahmedabad	Commenced
13.	Amritsar to Jaipur	Commenced
14.	Jaipur to Amritsar	Commenced
15.	Amritsar to Kolkata	Commenced
16.	Kolkata to Amritsar	Commenced
17.	Amritsar to Patna	Commenced
18.	Patna to Amritsar	Commenced
19.	Bhopal to Udaipur	Commenced
20.	Udaipur to Bhopal	Commenced
21.	Bhubaneshwar to Varanasi	Commenced
22.	Varanasi to Bhubaneshwar	Commenced
23.	Delhi to Calicut (Kozhikode)	Commenced
24.	Calicut (Kozhikode) to Delhi	Commenced
25.	Delhi to Khajuraho	Commenced
26.	Khajuraho to Delhi	Commenced
27.	Dibrugarh to Imphal	Commenced
28.	Imphal to Dibrugarh	Commenced
29.	Rajamundhry to Vishakapatnam	Commenced
30.	Vishakapatnam to Rajamundhry	Commenced
31.	Varanasi to Patna	Commenced
32.	Shillong to Silchar	Commenced
33.	Silchar to Shillong	Commenced
34.	Shillong to Agartala	Commenced
35.	Agartala to Shillong	Commenced

36.	Pasighat to Guwahati	Commenced
37.	Guwahati to Pasighat	Commenced
38.	Shillong to Imphal	Commenced
39.	Imphal to Shillong	Commenced
40.	Guwahati to Shillong	Commenced
41.	Shillong to Guwahati	Commenced
42.	Varanasi to Gorakhpur	Commenced
43.	Gorakhpur to Varanasi	Commenced
44.	Lucknow to Prayagraj	Commenced
45.	Prayagraj to Lucknow	Commenced
46.	Kolkata to Deoghar	Commenced
47.	Deoghar to Kolkata	Commenced
48.	Bangalore to Vidyanagar (Hampi)	Commenced
49.	Vidyanagar (Hampi) to Bangalore	Commenced
50.	Hyderabad to Vidyanagar (Hampi)	Commenced
51.	Vidyanagar (Hampi) to Hyderabad	Commenced
52.	Deoghar to Ranchi	Yet to be operationalized
53.	Ranchi to Deoghar	Yet to be operationalized
54.	Deoghar to Patna	Yet to be operationalized
55.	Patna to Deoghar	Yet to be operationalized
56.	Kargil to Leh	Yet to be operationalized
57.	Leh to Kargil	Yet to be operationalized
58.	Srinagar to Kargil	Yet to be operationalized
59.	Kargil to Srinagar	Yet to be operationalized
