

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF TOURISM

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2695**  
ANSWERED ON 23.03.2023

**BORDER TOURISM**

2695 SHRI RAKESH SINHA:

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

- (a) whether Government has any plan to promote border tourism as India's borders constitute important destination of tourism;
- (b) if so, the number of spots that have been identified in this regard along with the facilities that have been provided for the purpose in terms of transport, guides, lodging and food; and
- (c) if not, whether Government would consider promoting border tourism?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM

(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

(a) to (c): The Ministry of Tourism promotes tourism in the country, including in the border areas, through its various Schemes. It provides financial assistance for development of tourism infrastructure in the country, including in the border states under its major Schemes of Swadesh Darshan and National Mission on Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD) to State Governments / Union Territory Administrations/ Central Agencies. The financial assistance is given on the basis of submission of Detailed Project Reports, availability of funds and adherence to Scheme Guidelines. The Swadesh Darshan scheme has now been revamped as Swadesh Darshan 2.0 (SD 2.0) for development of sustainable and responsible tourist destinations. The details of the projects sanctioned by Ministry of Tourism, under the above Schemes, in the border states, are given in the **Annexure**.

Further, Ministry also promotes India in a holistic manner through various initiatives under its Schemes of “Domestic Promotion & Publicity including Hospitality” (DPPH) and “Overseas Promotion & Publicity (OPP)”, including in the border States. It releases print, electronic, online and outdoor media campaigns in the domestic and international markets, under the “Incredible India” brand-line, to promote various tourism destinations and products of India. The Ministry of Tourism also regularly promotes the tourism destinations through its website and social media promotions.

Some of the major initiatives and efforts of Ministry of Tourism for promotion of tourism in the border States are given below: -

- i. An amount of Rs.1312 lakh was sanctioned to Border Security Force (BSF) for the tourism related Infrastructural Development at Joint Check Post (JCP), Attari, Punjab in 2017-18.
- ii. An amount of Rs.1767.66 lakh was sanctioned to Border Security Force (BSF) for development of border tourism at BSF Check Post, Tanot complex, Rajasthan in 2022-23.
- iii. Road connectivity and way side amenities – For promotion of Border Tourism, Ministry of Tourism has taken up the matter with the Border Road Organization (BRO) for improving road connectivity and wayside amenities to the following three

(03) border areas at Pangong Lake, Ladakh, Kargil, Ladakh and Rishikesh, Uttarakhand.

Further, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, has intimated that the Government has approved Vibrant Villages Programme on 15<sup>th</sup> February 2023 for 2967 villages of 46 blocks in 19 districts of Arunachal Pradesh, Sikkim, Uttarakhand, Himachal Pradesh and UT of Ladakh on northern border.

Out of these 2967 villages, 662 villages have been identified in these States / UT for coverage on priority. Promotion of tourism is one of the identified focus areas of intervention in these border villages.

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## ANNEXURE

## STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2695 ANSWERED ON 23.03.2023 FOR BORDER TOURISM

Details of the Projects sanctioned by the Ministry of Tourism in the Border States under the Swadesh Darshan Scheme:

(Rs. in crore)

Sl No	State/UT	Circuit	Sanction Year	Name of the Project	Amount Sanctioned
1.	Arunachal Pradesh	North-East Circuit	2014-15	Development of Mega Circuit at Bhalukpong- Bomdila and Tawang	49.77
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	North East Circuit	2015-16	Development of Nafra- Seppa- Pappu, Pasa, Pakke Valleys- Sangdupota- New Sagalee- Ziro- Yomcha	96.72
3.	Assam	Wildlife Circuit	2015-16	Development of Manas- Probitora- Nameri- Kaziranga- Dibru- Saikhowa	94.68
4.	Assam	Heritage Circuit	2016-17	Development of Tezpur – Majuli – Sibsagar	90.98
5.	Bihar	Tirthankar circuit	2016-17	Development of Vaishali- Arrah- Masad- Patna- Rajgir- Pawapuri- Champapuri	37.19
6.	Bihar	Spiritual circuit	2016-17	Integrated Development of Kanwaria Route: Sultanganj – Dharmshala- Deoghar	44.76
7.	Bihar	Buddhist Circuit	2016-17	Development of Buddhist circuit- Construction of Convention Centre at Bodhgaya	98.73
8.	Bihar	Rural Circuit	2017-18	Development of Gandhi Circuit: Bhitiharwa- Chandrahia- Turkaulia	44.65
9.	Bihar	Spiritual Circuit	2017-18	Development of Mandar Hill & Ang Pradesh	47.53
10.	Gujarat	Heritage Circuit	2016-17	Development of Ahmedabad- Rajkot- Porbandar –Bardoli- Dandi	58.42
11.	Gujarat	Heritage Circuit	2016-17	Development of Vadnagar- Modhera	91.11
12.	Gujarat	Buddhist circuit	2017-18	Development of Junagadh- Gir Somnath- Bharuch-Kutch- Bhavnagar- Rajkot- Mehsana	26.68
13.	Himachal Pradesh	Himalayan Circuit	2016-17	Integrated Development of Himalayan Circuit in Himachal Pradesh	80.69
14.	Jammu & Kashmir	Himalayan Circuit	2016-17	Integrated Development of Jammu- Srinagar-Pehalgam-Bhagwati Nagar- Anantnag-Salamabad Uri-Kargil-Leh	77.33
15.	Jammu & Kashmir	Himalayan Circuit	2016-17	Integrated Development of Tourist Facilities at Jammu-Rajouri-Shopian- Pulwama.	84.46
16.	Jammu & Kashmir	Himalayan Circuit	2016-17	Integrated Development of Tourist Facilities - Construction of Assets in	90.43

				lieu of those Destroyed in Floods in 2014 under PM Development Package	
17.	Jammu & Kashmir	Himalayan Circuit	2016-17	Integrated Development of Tourist facilities at Mantalai and Sudhmahadev	90.85
18.	Jammu & Kashmir	Himalayan Circuit	2016-17	Integrated Development of Tourist facilities at Anantnag-Kishwar-Pahalgam-Daksum-Ranjit Sagar Dam	87.44
19.	Jammu & Kashmir	Himalayan Circuit	2016-17	Development of Tourist Facilities at Gulmarg-Baramulla- Kupwara- Kargil - Leh	91.84
20.	Manipur	North-East Circuit	2015-16	Development of Tourist Circuit in Manipur: Imphal- Khongjom	72.23
21.	Manipur	Spiritual Circuit	2016-17	Development of Shri Govindajee Temple, Shri Bijoy Govindajee Temple – Shri Gopinath Temple – Shri Bungshibodon Temple – Shri Kaina Temple	53.8
22.	Meghalaya	North East Circuit	2016-17	Development of Umium (Lake View), U Lum Sohpetbneng-Mawdiangdiang – Orchid Lake Resort	99.13
23.	Meghalaya	North East Circuit	2018-19	Development of West Khasi Hills (Nongkhlaw- KremTiro - Khudoi&Kohmang Falls – Khri River-Mawthadraishan, Shillong), Jaintia Hills (Krang Suri Falls- Shyrmang-looksi), Garo Hills (Nokrek Reserve, Katta Beel, Siju Caves)	84.97
24.	Mizoram	North East Circuit	2015-16	Integrated Development of Thenzawl & South Zote, District Serchhip and Reiek.	92.26
25.	Mizoram	Eco Circuit	2016-17	Development of Eco-Adventure Circuit Aizawl -Rawpuichhip – Khawhphawp – Lengpui – Durtlang – Chatlang- Sakawrhमितुaitlang - Muthee – Beratlawng -Tuirial Airfield – Hmuifang	66.37
26.	Nagaland	Tribal Circuit	2015-16	Development of Tribal Circuit Peren-Kohima- Wokha	97.36
27.	Nagaland	Tribal circuit	2016-17	Development of Mokokchung– Tuensang-Mon	98.14
28.	Punjab	Heritage Circuit	2018-19	Development of Anandpur Sahib – Fatehgarh Sahib – Chamkaur Sahib – Ferozpur – Amritsar – Khatkar Kalan – Kalanour - Patiala	91.55
29.	Rajasthan	Desert Circuit	2015-16	Development of Sambhar Lake Town and Other Destinations	50.01
30.	Rajasthan	Krishna Circuit	2016-17	Integrated Development of Govind Dev ji temple (Jaipur), Khatu Shyam Ji	75.80

				(Sikar) and Nathdwara (Rajsamand)	
31.	Rajasthan	Spiritual Circuit	2016-17	Development of Churu (Salasar Balaji)– Jaipur (Shri Samode Balaji, Ghat ke Balaji, Bandheke Balaji)- Alwar (Pandupole Hanumanji, Bharathari)- Viratnagar (Bijak, Jainnasiya, Ambika Temple)- Bharatpur (Kaman Region)- Dholpur (Muchkund) – Mehandipur Balaji- Chittorgarh (Sanwaliyaji)	93.9
32.	Rajasthan	Heritage Circuit	2017-18	Development of Rajsamand (Kumbhalgarh Fort)- Jaipur (Nahargarh Fort)- Alwar (BalaQuila)– Sawai Madhopur (Ranthambore Fort and Khandar Fort)– Jhalawar (Gagron Fort)– Chittorgarh (Chittorgarh Fort) Jaisalmer (Jaisalmer Fort) Hanumangarh (Kalibangan, Bhatner Fort and Gogamedi)- Jalore (Jalore Fort)- Udaipur (Pratap Gaurav Kendra)- Dholpur (Bagh-i-Nilofar and Purani Chawni)– Nagaur (Meera Bai Smarak)	72.49
33.	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-Tumin Lingee- Singtam (exit)	98.05
34.	Sikkim	North East Circuit	2016-17	Development of Tourist Circuit Linking Singtam– Maka- Temi- Bermoik Tokel- Phongia- Namchi – Jorthang- Okharey- Sombaria- Daramdin- Jorethang- Melli (Exit)	95.32
35.	Tripura	North East Circuit	2015-16	Development of North East Circuit: Agartala - Sipahijala - Melaghar - Udaipur - Amarpur- Tirthamukh- Mandirghat– Dumboor- Narikel Kunja- Gandachara– Ambassa	82.85
36.	Tripura	North East circuit	2018-19	Development of Surma Cherra- Unakoti- Jampui Hills- Gunabati- Bhunaneshwari- Matabari- Neermahal- Boxanagar- Chottakhola- Pilak- Avangcharra	65.00
37.	Uttar Pradesh	Buddhist Circuit	2016-17	Development of Srawasti, Kushinagar, & Kapilwastu	99.97
38.	Uttar Pradesh	Ramayana	2016-17	Development of Chitrakoot and	69.45

		Circuit		Shringverpur	
39.	Uttar Pradesh	Spiritual Circuit	2016-17	Development of Shahjahanpur-Basti-Ahar-Aligarh-Kasgunj-Sarosi-Pratapgarh-Unnao-Kaushambi-Mirzapur-Gorakpur-Kairana-DoamrFiyagunj- Bagpat-Barabanki-Azamgarh	71.91
40.	Uttar Pradesh	Spiritual Circuit	2016-17	Development of Bijnor- Meerut-Kanpur- Kanpur Dehat- Banda-Ghazipur- Salempur- Ghosi- Balia-Ambedkar Nagar- Aligarh- Fatehpur-Deoria- Mahoba- Sonbhadra-Chandauli- Mishrikh- Bhadohi	67.51
41.	Uttar Pradesh	Heritage Circuit	2016-17	Development of Kalinjar Fort (Banda)-MarharDham (Sant Kabir Nagar)-ChauriChaura, Shaheed Sthal (Fatehpur)- Mavahar Sthal (Ghosi)-Shaheed Smarak (Meerut)	33.97
42.	Uttar Pradesh	Ramayana Circuit	2017-18	Development of Ayodhya	127.21
43.	Uttar Pradesh	Spiritual Circuit	2018-19	Development of Jewar-Dadri-Sikandrabad-Noida-Khurja-Banda	12.03
44.	Uttar Pradesh	Spiritual Circuit	2018-19	Development of Gorakhnath Temple (Gorakhpur), Devipattan Temple (Balrampur) and Vatvashni Temple (Domariyagunj)	15.76
45.	Uttarakhand	Eco Circuit	2015-16	Integrated Development of Eco-Tourism, Adventure Sports, Associated Tourism related Infrastructure for Development of Tehri Lake & Surroundings	69.17
46.	Uttarakhand	Heritage circuit	2016-17	Development of Heritage Circuit in Kumaon Region – Katarmal – Jogeshwar-Bajjnath-Devidhura	76.32
47.	West Bengal	Coastal Circuit	2015-16	Development of Beach Circuit: Udaipur- Digha- Shankarpur- Tajpur-Mandarmani- Fraserganj-Bakhlai-Henry Island	67.99
48.	Uttar Pradesh and Bihar	Wayside Amenities	2018-19	Development of Wayside Amenities in Uttar Pradesh and Bihar at Varanasi-Gaya; Lucknow-Ayodhya- Lucknow; Gorakhpur-Kushinagar; Kushinagar-Gaya- Kushinagar in collaboration with MoRTH	15.07

Details of the Projects sanctioned by the Ministry of Tourism in the Border States under the PRASHAD Scheme:

(Rs. in crore)

Sl. No.	State/UTs	Project Nos	Name of the Project	Year of Sanction	Amount Sanctioned
1	<b>ARUNACHAL PRADESH</b>	1.	Development of Parasuram Kund, Lohit Distt.	2020-21	37.88
2	<b>ASSAM</b>	2.	Development of Kamakhya Temple and Pilgrimage Destination in and around Guwahati	2015-16	29.80
3	<b>BIHAR</b>	3.	Development of basic facilities at Vishnupad temple, Gaya, Bihar	2014-15	4.27
		4.	Development at Patna Sahib	2015-16	41.54
4	<b>GUJARAT</b>	5.	Development of Dwarka	2016-17	13.08
		6.	Pilgrimage Amenities at Somnath	2016-17	45.36
		7.	Development of Promenade at Somnath under PRASHAD Scheme	2018-19	47.12
		8.	Development of Pilgrim Plaza with Queue Management Complex at Somnath Gujarat	2021-22	49.97
		9.	Development of Pilgrimage Infrastructure at Ambaji Temple of Banaskantha, Gujarat	2022-23	50.00
5	<b>JAMMU &amp; KASHMIR</b>	10.	Development at Hazratbal,	2016-17	40.46
6	<b>MEGHALAYA</b>	11.	Development of Pilgrimage Facilitation in Meghalaya	2020-21	29.32
7	<b>NAGALAND</b>	12.	Development of Pilgrimage Infrastructure in Nagaland	2018-19	25.26
		13.	Development of Pilgrimage and Tourism Infrastructure at Zunheboto, Nagaland	2022-23	18.18
8	<b>PUNJAB</b>	14.	Development of Karuna Sagar Valmiki Sthal at Amritsar	2015-16	6.40
		15.	Development of Chamkaur Sahib at Rupar, Punjab under PRASHAD Scheme	2021-22	31.57
9	<b>RAJASTHAN</b>	16.	Integrated Development of Pushkar / Ajmer	2015-16	32.64
10	<b>SIKKIM</b>	17.	Development of Pilgrimage Facilitation at Four Patron Saints, Yuksom	2020-21	33.32
11	<b>TRIPURA</b>	18.	Development of Tripura Sundari Temple, Udaipur	2020-21	37.84

12	UTTARAKHAND	19.	Integrated Development of Kedarnath	2015-16	34.77
		20.	Development of Infrastructure for Pilgrimage Facilitation in Badrinath Ji Dham (Uttarakhand) under PRASHAD Scheme	2018-19	39.24
		21.	Augmentation of Pilgrimage Infrastructure Facilities and Gangotri and Yamunotri Dham in Uttarakhand under PRASHAD Scheme	2021-22	54.36
13	UTTAR PRADESH	22.	Development of Mathura-Vrindavan as Mega Tourist Circuit (Ph-II)	2014-15	14.93
		23.	Construction of Tourist Facilitation Centre at Vrindavan, Distt. Mathura	2014-15	9.36
		24.	Development of Varanasi – Phase –I	2015-16	20.40
		25.	Cruise Tourism in River Ganga, Varanasi	2017-18	10.72
		26.	Development of Varanasi Under Prashad Scheme – Phase II	2017-18	44.60
		27.	Development of Infrastructure facilities at Govardhan, Mathura, UP	2018-19	39.74
14	WEST BENGAL	28.	Development of Belur	2016-17	30.03

List of Projects sanctioned by the Ministry of Tourism to Central Agencies under Assistance to Central Agencies Scheme

(Rs. in Lakh)

Year	State	Name of the Projects	Agencies	Sanction Amount	Status
2017-18	Punjab	Project for Infrastructural Development at JCP Attari	BSF	1312.00	completed
2022-23	Rajasthan	Development of border tourism at Border Security Force Check Post, Tanot complex	BSF	1767.66	Ongoing

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