

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY  
(DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE)

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**STARRED QUESTION NO. \*98**  
ANSWERED ON 28/07/2023

**TRADE THROUGH BORDER HAATS**

\*98. SHRI BIPLAB KUMAR DEB:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE & INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is making efforts for promotion of trade through setting up of Border Haats;
- (b) the details of Border Haats along with the status of their operationality, State-wise;
- (c) the details of trade that has taken place through these Border Haats during last three years, year-wise and State-wise;
- (d) whether Government is planning to set up new Border Haats; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY  
(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (e) OF RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 98 FOR ANSWER ON 28<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 2023 REGARDING “TRADE THROUGH BORDER HAATS”**

(a) Government of India facilitates the efforts of the concerned State Governments in setting up of border Haats which aim at promoting the wellbeing of the people dwelling in remote areas across the borders of two countries, by establishing traditional system of marketing the local produce through local markets.

(b) Details of sanctioned border haats alongwith status of their operationality State-wise is mentioned below:

S. No.	Border Haat	State	Status
1	Balat	Meghalaya	Was closed due to covid restrictions. Reopened on 26.4.2022.
2	Rynku	Meghalaya	Was closed due to covid restrictions. Reopened on 12.05.2022.
3	Nalikata	Meghalaya	Was closed due to covid restrictions. Reopened on 23.05.2023.
4	Bholaganj	Meghalaya	Was closed due to covid restrictions. Reopened on 06.05.2023.
5	Kalaichar	Meghalaya	Was closed due to covid restrictions. Reopened on 30.11.2022.
6	Shibbari	Meghalaya	Bangladesh side has proposed for relocation.
7	Kamlasagar	Tripura	The border haat was closed due to Covid. The matter with regard to re-opening the border haat is being pursued through diplomatic channels.
8	Srinagar	Tripura	Was closed due to covid restrictions. Reopened on 09.05.2023.
9	Kamalpur	Tripura	Foundation Stone laying Ceremony held on 03.02.2022 and the construction work is ongoing.
10	Raghna (Palbasti)	Tripura	Ready for Foundation Stone laying Ceremony, consent is awaited from Bangladesh.

(c) Details of the trade through functional Border Haats during last three years, year-wise, State-wise is given below:

Sl. NO.	Name of the State	Name of the Border Haat	F.Y. wise Trade Volume (Rs. in Lakh)		
			2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
1	Meghalaya	Balat	Closed due to Covid restrictions. Reopened on 26.4.2022.		957.00
2	Meghalaya	Ryngku	Inaugurated in March 2021 Closed due to Covid restrictions. Reopened on 12.05.2022.		187.00
3	Meghalaya	Kalaichar	Closed due to Covid restrictions. Reopened on 30.11.2022.		201.07
4	Meghalaya	Nalikata	Closed due to Covid restrictions. Reopened on 23.05.2023.		
5	Meghalaya	Bholaganj	Closed due to Covid restrictions. Reopened on 06.05.2023.		
6	Tripura	Srinagar	Closed due to Covid. Reopened on 09.05.2023		
7	Tripura	Kamalasagar	Closed due to Covid since March 2020		

**Source:** Respective governments of Tripura and Meghalaya

(d) & (e) In the Second meeting of Joint Committee on Border Haats held on 23-24 April 2019 at Sylhet, Bangladesh, both sides discussed and identified the following locations for six new Border Haats;

S. No.	Indian side	Bangladesh side
1	Kilapara, Dalu (West Garo Hills District, Meghalaya, Border Pillar 1 1 13/5S)	Nakugaon (Nalitabari Upazilla, Sherpur District)
2	Huroi (East Jaintia Hills District, Meghalaya, Border Pillar 1315)	Sonatanpunji (Kanaighat Upazilla, Sylhet District)
3	Ghoshkhamar (Belonia Subdivision) Or Radhanagar (Belonia Subdivision, Tripura)	Jagatrapur (Chauddogram Upazilla Cumilla District) Or Boidhyerkhil (Chauddogram Upazilla, Cumilla District)
4	Belcherra (Khowai Subdivision, Khowai District, Tripura)	Nolua Tea Mauja (Chunarughat Upazilla, Habiganj District)
5	Latu (Karimganj District, Assam, Border Pillar 1363-1364)	Muria (Biyaniabazar Upazilla, Sylhet District)
6	Satrasal (Dhubri District, Assam, Border Pillar 1001-1003)	Char Bhurungamari (Bhurungamari Upazilla, Kurigram District)

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