

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.784
ANSWERED ON 05.02.2026

DEVELOPMENT OF TOURISM IN ASSAM

784 SHRI AJIT KUMAR BHUYAN:

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

- (a) whether Government has prepared any plan to develop parts of Assam to be more tourist-friendly;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has received a comprehensive proposal from the Assam Government under Swadesh Darshan scheme regarding development of tourist places in the State;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by Government so far for allocation of necessary funds;
- (e) whether Government has taken/proposes to take steps to implement long-awaited public demand for tourism projects in the State, as it has tremendous potential to attract domestic and foreign tourists; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM

(SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a) to (f): Development of tourism destinations and products is primarily undertaken by the concerned State Government (SG)/Union Territory Administration (UTA). However, the Ministry of Tourism through its central sector schemes of 'Swadesh Darshan (SD)', 'Swadesh Darshan 2.0 (SD2.0)', 'Challenge Based Destination Development (CBDD)' –a sub-scheme of SD2.0, and 'Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD)' complements the efforts of tourism infrastructure development by extending financial assistance to the State Governments/UT Administrations; subject to adherence to scheme guidelines, submission of Detailed Project Reports (DPRs), availability of funds, inter-se priority etc.

In addition, Government of India under its initiative for 'Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment (SASCI)-Development of Iconic Tourist Centres to Global Scale' has also sanctioned projects with the primary objective to comprehensively develop iconic tourist centres in the country, branding and marketing them at global scale.

While receiving proposals from the State Governments/UT Administrations for financial assistance for tourism projects under applicable schemes is an ongoing process, the Government of India has already sanctioned projects under SD, SD2.0, CBDD, SASCI and PRASHAD schemes in the state of Assam, the details of which is **annexed**.

ANNEXURE

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.784 ANSWERED ON 05.02.2026 REGARDING DEVELOPMENT OF TOURISM IN ASSAM RAISED BY SHRI AJIT KUMAR BHUYAN

Details of the projects sanctioned under Swadesh Darshan (SD), SD2.0, CBDD, SASCI and PRASHAD schemes in the state of Assam:

(Amount in ₹Crore)

Scheme/ Sub- scheme	S. No.	Name of the Project/ Experience	Circuit/ Destination	Year of sanction	Amount sanctioned
Swadesh Darshan (SD)	1.	Development of Manas– Probitora– Nameri– Kaziranga– Dibru– Saikhowa	Wildlife Circuit	2015-16	94.68
	2.	Development of Tezpur – Majuli – Sibsagar	Heritage Circuit	2016-17	90.98
SD2.0	3.	Kokrajhar Wetland Experience	Kokrajhar	2023-24	26.68
	4.	Reimagining Cinnamara Tea Estate	Jorhat	2023- 24	23.88
CBDD	5.	Panidhing Bird Sanctuary (under Eco-tourism and Amrit Dharohar category)	Sivasagar	2024-25	9.99
SASCI	6.	Assam State Zoo Cum Botanical Garden in Guwahati	Guwahati	2024-25	97.12
	7.	Beautification of Rang Ghar in Sivasagar	Sivasagar	2024-25	94.76
PRASHAD	8.	Development of Kamakhya Temple and Pilgrimage Destination in and around Guwahati	Guwahati	2015-16	29.80
