

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No.618
ANSWERED ON 23.07.2026

TOURISM DEVELOPMENT IN NER

618 SHRI RWNGWRA NARZARY:

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

- (a) the impact and visibility of branding of Ashtalakshmi Mahotsav 2024 in NER tourism perspective;
- (b) the initiative taken by Government to mobilize investments for tourism development in NER;
- (c) whether Government has mapped the tourism circuits of National Parks in Assam to facilitate tourists to visit under one package; and
- (d) the numbers of Domestic Tourist Visit (DTV) and Foreign Tourist Visit (FTV) to the national park in Assam during the years 2023, 2024 and 2025 including contribution of revenue thereof, National park-wise?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM

(SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a): The Ashtalakshmi Mahotsav 2024 was organized by the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (M/o DoNER) from 6th to 8th December, 2024 at New Delhi. As per information received from M/o DONER, the three days event highlighted the rich diversity of North East India, bringing together the craft, art, culture and cuisine of the region while promoting tourism and creating economic opportunities for artisans and entrepreneurs. The event substantially enhanced the visibility and branding of the North Eastern Region.

(b): In order to mobilize investments for tourism development in the North East Region, Ministry of Tourism extends Central Financial Assistance (CFA), for the development of tourism infrastructure in the region, which acts as a catalyst for public and private sector investment for the development of the destination. The CFA is extended under the ongoing schemes such as Swadesh Darshan (SD), Swadesh Darshan 2.0 (SD2.0) and Challenge Based Destination Development (CBDD) and Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD) subject to adherence to the scheme guidelines, submission of Detailed Project Reports (DPRs), availability of funds, etc. The Ministry has extended CFA of Rs 2998.87 crores for 60 tourism projects in North East region, till date.

The Ministry of Tourism also organizes the International Tourism Mart (ITM) annually on a rotational basis across the North Eastern States to showcase the region's diverse tourism products and destinations, while promoting investment opportunities, fostering stakeholder engagement, and enhancing the visibility of the North Eastern Region as a tourism destination.

Additionally, M/o DoNER organized "Rising North East"-Investors Summit 2025 on 23rd and 24th May, 2025 in New Delhi.

(c): The Ministry of Tourism extends Central Financial Assistance for the development of tourism circuits, including National Parks in Assam and promotes the destinations through several initiatives such as publicity through the web-site, social media influencers, organizing tourism events etc., to encourage tourist footfalls.

(d): The details pertaining to Domestic Tourist Visit (DTV) and Foreign Tourist Visit (FTV) to the national park in Assam during the years 2023, 2024 and 2025 including contribution of revenue as provided by the Government of Assam is given at **Annexure**.

ANNEXURE

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PART (D) OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.618 ANSWERED ON 23.07.2026 REGARDING TOURISM DEVELOPMENT IN NER RAISED BY SHRI RWNGWRA NARZARY

Domestic Tourist Visit (DTV) and Foreign Tourist Visit (FTV) to the national parks in Assam during 2023-24, 2024-25 and 2025-26

Destination	2023-24		2024-25		2025-26	
	Domestic Tourist	Foreign Tourist	Domestic Tourist	Foreign Tourist	Domestic Tourist	Foreign Tourist
Kaziranga N.P.	306979	13904	378970	15677	435138	29883
Nameri N.P.	23172	1135	48634	1373	54538	1484
Manas N.P.	52394	1453	67831	3202	58772	4951
Dibru Saikhuwa N.P.	1804	16	3003	28	2420	16
Orrang N.P.	4060	39	2787	52	4110	41
Raimona N.P.	3485	26	5464	0	6256	16
Dihing Patkai N.P.	1158	78	1531	143	1426	116

The amount of Revenue collected from National Parks and Wildlife Sanctuaries in Assam

Name of National Park/WLS	Year wise revenue collected (in Rs.)		
	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Dehing Patkai National Park	3,77,875.00	4,44,250.00	4,57,300.00
Dibru-Saikhowa National Park	1,19,775.00	1,78,575.00	1,58,955.00
Nameri National Park	27,42,835.00	41,44,955.00	44,07,565.00
Kaziranga National Park & Tiger Reserve	8,88,45,711.00	9,69,44,331.00	11,11,31,196.00
Manas National Park	1,31,86,875.00	1,52,92,000.00	1,75,74,600.00
Raimona National Park	3,72,500.00	5,52,960.00	10,09,400.00
Orang National Park	6,03,965.00	6,00,050.00	4,13,850.00

Source: Department of Tourism, Government of Assam
