

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.808
ANSWERED ON 21.11.2016**

TOURISM POTENTIAL OF ARUNACHAL PRADESH

808. SHRI NINONG ERING:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has conducted any study to assess the Tourism potential of Arunachal Pradesh;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof, including the value of the projects undertaken by the Government during the last one year;**
- (c) whether any tourism projects are under consideration for development in the State; and**
- (d) if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)**

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. An Integrated Tourism Master Plan for North Eastern Region was prepared by Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) on the basis of a study commissioned by North East Council (NEC). Development and promotion of tourism is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments/UT Administrations. However, Ministry of Tourism provides Central Financial Assistance (CFA) to State Governments/Union Territory Administrations for various tourism projects subject to availability of funds, liquidation of pending utilization certificates against the funds released earlier and adherence to the relevant scheme guidelines.

(c) & (d): Ministry of Tourism has already initiated a new scheme 'SWADESH DARSHAN' on specific themes and it has been decided to create tourist circuits around specific themes. The North East India Circuit is one of such theme. A project under this scheme "Integrated Development of Adventure Tourism in Arunachal Pradesh" has been sanctioned by this Ministry for Rs.97.14 crore in the year 2015-16.
