

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3548  
ANSWERED ON 15.07.2019**

**TOURISM CIRCUITS IN NER**

**3548. SHRIMATI PRATIMA BHOMIK:**

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

- (a) whether any tourism circuit was developed during the last five years in the North Eastern States of India i.e. Arunachal Pradesh, Nagaland, Manipur, Meghalaya, Assam, Tripura & Mizoram to boost the tourists inflow in these States and if so, the State-wise details of the funds allocated & utilized in these tourism circuits;**
- (b) whether there was any hindrance in free flow of tourists in these seven States and if so, the steps taken by the Government to solve the issue;**
- (c) whether Government has any data with regard to the revenue generated on account of the tourists footfall in these seven North-Eastern States and if so, the State-wise details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and**
- (d) whether the Government has any specific plans for the North-Eastern State local tour operators, tour guides and the chance of benefit likely to take place by these circuits?**

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)  
(SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL)**

**(a): Ministry of Tourism under Swadesh Darshan - Integrated Development of Theme-Based Tourist Circuits has sanctioned 16 projects in the North Eastern States of the country, the details of the same are annexed.**

**(b): Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has declared five North Eastern States viz. Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, Mizoram, Nagaland, Sikkim (partly in Protected Area and Partly in Restricted Area) as the protected and restricted areas. However, MHA (Foreigners Division) vide circular dt 14.09.2019 has relaxed Restricted Area Permit (RAP) and Protected Area Permit (PAP) for Manipur, Mizoram and Nagaland upto 31.12.2022.**

**(c): Ministry does not compile the data of revenue generated from tourism footfall in the country. However, Ministry compiles the Foreign Exchange Earnings (FEEs) from tourism. The details of same during last three years are as follows:**

<b>(Rs. Crore)</b>			
<b>Year</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>
<b>FEEs</b>	<b>154146</b>	<b>177874</b>	<b>194882 #</b>

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**(d): With the objective to promote tourism in the North Eastern Region, the Ministry has carried out following initiatives to support the local travel industry:**

- **Ministry has given relaxations to North Eastern Region Tour Operators/travel agents in the form of paid up capital, educational qualifications, turn over in foreign exchange earnings when they apply for recognition/renewal of their agency.**
- **The Ministry under the Marketing Development Assistance Scheme provides financial assistance to approved stakeholders and Tourism Departments of States/Union Territories for undertaking tourism promotion activities in overseas markets, including Sales-cum-Study Tours, Participation in Travel Fairs/Exhibitions and Production of Publicity Material.**
- **Ministry organizes International Travel Mart (ITM) every year in one of the North eastern state with objective of providing platform to North Eastern States to showcase their tourism potential to perspective international and domestic buyers and opportunity to interact with them. Last Edition (7<sup>th</sup>) of ITM was held in November 2018 in Agartala, Tripura.**

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**ANNEXURE**

**STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3548 ANSWERED ON 15.07.2019 REGARDING TOURISM CIRCUITS IN NER**

**THE DETAILS OF PROJECTS SANCTIONED UNDER SWADESH DARSHAN SCHEME IN NORTH EASTERN STATES**

(Rs. in crores)

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Circuit</b>	<b>Name of Project</b>	<b>Sanction Amount</b>	<b>Released Amount</b>
<b>2014-15</b>					
<b>1.</b>	<b>Arunachal Pradesh</b>	<b>North East</b>	<b>Development of Bhalukpong - Bomdila &amp; Tawang</b>	<b>49.77</b>	<b>39.81</b>
<b>2015-16</b>					
<b>2.</b>	<b>Manipur</b>	<b>North East</b>	<b>Development of Imphal-Khongjom</b>	<b>72.23</b>	<b>61.32</b>
<b>3.</b>	<b>Sikkim</b>	<b>North East</b>	<b>Development of Tourist Circuit linking Rangpo (entry) - Rorathang-Aritar- Phadamchen-Nathang-Sherathang-Tsongmo- Gangtok-Phodong- Mangan-Lachung-Yumthang-Lachen- Thangu-Gurudongmer- Mangan-Gangtok-TuminLingee-Singtam (exit)</b>	<b>98.05</b>	<b>78.44</b>
<b>4.</b>	<b>Nagaland</b>	<b>Tribal</b>	<b>Development of Peren-Kohima-Wokha</b>	<b>97.36</b>	<b>77.89</b>
<b>5.</b>	<b>Mizoram</b>	<b>North East</b>	<b>Integrated Development of New Eco Tourism at Thenzawl &amp; South Zote, District Serchhip and Reiek, Mizoram</b>	<b>94.91</b>	<b>75.92</b>
<b>6.</b>	<b>Assam</b>	<b>Wildlife</b>	<b>Development of Manas-Probitora- Nameri-Kaziranga- Dibru-Saikhowa</b>	<b>95.67</b>	<b>76.54</b>

<b>7.</b>	<b>Arunachal Pradesh</b>	<b>North East</b>	<b>Development of New Adventure Tourism in Arunachal Pradesh</b>	<b>97.14</b>	<b>77.71</b>
<b>8.</b>	<b>Tripura</b>	<b>North East</b>	<b>Development of Agartala - Sipahijala - Melaghar - Udaipur - Amarpur-Tirthamukh- Mandirghat- Dumboor- Narikel Kunja- Gandachara- Ambassa</b>	<b>99.59</b>	<b>74.15</b>
<b>2016-17</b>					
<b>9.</b>	<b>Meghalaya</b>	<b>North East</b>	<b>Development of Umium (Lake View), U Lum Sohpetbneng Mawdiangdiang - Orchid Lake Resort,</b>	<b>99.13</b>	<b>73.69</b>
<b>10.</b>	<b>Manipur</b>	<b>Spiritual</b>	<b>Development of Shri Govindajee Temple, Shri Bijoy Govindajee Temple - Shri Gopinath Temple - Shri Bungshibodon Temple - Shri Kaina Temple</b>	<b>53.80</b>	<b>40.14</b>
<b>11.</b>	<b>Sikkim</b>	<b>North East</b>	<b>Development of Tourist Circuit Linking Singtam- Maka- Temi-Bermoik Tokel- Phongia- Namchi -Jorthang- Okharey- Sombaria-Daramdin- Jorethang- Melli (Exit)</b>	<b>95.32</b>	<b>73.22</b>
<b>12.</b>	<b>Nagaland</b>	<b>Tribal</b>	<b>Development of Mokokchung-Tuensang-Mon</b>	<b>99.67</b>	<b>78.09</b>
<b>13.</b>	<b>Mizoram</b>	<b>Eco</b>	<b>Development of Aizawl - Rawpuichhip - Khawhphawp - Lengpui - Durtlang - Chatlang- Sakawrhmutuaitlang - Muthee - Beratlawng - Tuirial Airfield - Hmuifang</b>	<b>99.07</b>	<b>49.53</b>
<b>14.</b>	<b>Assam</b>	<b>Heritage</b>	<b>Development of Tezpur -</b>	<b>98.35</b>	<b>19.67</b>

			<b>Majuli – Sibsagar</b>		
<b>2018-19</b>					
<b>15</b>	<b>Tripura</b>	<b>North East</b>	<b>Development of Surma Cherra- Unakoti- Jampui Hills- Gunabati- Bhunaneshwari- Matabari- Neermahal- Boxanagar- Chotta khola- Pilak- Avangcharra</b>	<b>65.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>16.</b>	<b>Meghalaya</b>	<b>North East</b>	<b>Development of West Khasi Hills (Nongkhlaw-Krem Tirot - Khudoi &amp; Kohmang Falls – Khri River- Mawthadraishan, Shillong), Jaintia Hills (Krang Suri Falls- Shyrmang- looksi), Garo Hills (Nokrek Reserve, Katta Beel, Siju Caves)</b>	<b>84.97</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>1400.03</b>	<b>896.12</b>

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