

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2780
ANSWERED ON 07.08.2023**

CENTRALLY SPONSORED SCHEMES FOR WEST BENGAL

2780. DR. SUKANTA MAJUMDAR:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of Centrally Sponsored Schemes and Central Sector Schemes being implemented in the State of West Bengal during the last four years and the current year, year-wise, scheme-wise, district-wise including North and South Dinajpur districts;**
- (b) the details of funds allocated, sanctioned, released and utilized for each of the above schemes during the last four years and the current year, year-wise, scheme-wise and district-wise;**
- (c) the details of physical targets set and achieved while implementing the above schemes during the last five years and the current year, year-wise, scheme-wise, district-wise;**
- (d) whether the Government has found any shortcomings while implementing the above schemes and if so, the details thereof including the steps taken to overcome those shortcomings; and**
- (e) whether there is time and cost overrun of any of the above scheme and if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM

(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

(a) to (e): The Ministry of Tourism under the Central Sector Schemes of 'Swadesh Darshan', 'National Mission on Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD)' and 'Assistance to Central Agencies for Tourism Infrastructure Development' provides financial assistance to State

Governments/Union Territory Administrations/Central Agencies for the development of tourism-related infrastructure and facilities at various tourism destinations in the country including West Bengal.

The details of projects sanctioned, amount sanctioned, amount utilized along with their status under the above mentioned schemes in the State of West Bengal is given at Annexure.

The Ministry of Tourism monitors the physical progress of the sanctioned projects through field inspections and review meetings held periodically with the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations/Central Agencies from time to time and necessary steps are taken to address the issues. The Ministry of Tourism has now revamped its Swadesh Darshan Scheme as Swadesh Darshan 2.0 (SD2.0) with the objective to develop sustainable and responsible destinations following a tourist & destination centric approach.

There is no cost overrun in implementation of projects. The Ministry of Tourism revises the timelines for completion of projects based on the request received by the implementing agencies, review of progress made in the project, utilization of funds by implementing agencies etc.

ANNEXURE**STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2780 ANSWERED ON 07.08.2023 REGARDING CENTRALLY SPONSORED SCHEMES FOR WEST BENGAL.****Swadesh Darshan Scheme****(Rs. in Crore)**

Sl. No.	State	Circuit / Sanction Year	Name of the Project	Amount Sanctioned	Amount Released	Amount Utilized	Physical Status (%)
1.	West Bengal	Coastal Circuit 2015-16	Development of Beach Circuit: Udaipur- Digha- Shankarpur- Tajpur- Mandarmani- Fraserganj- Bakkhlai- Henry Island	67.99	65.07	65.07	Complete

PRASHAD Scheme**(Rs. in Crore)**

Sl. No.	State	Project Name	Sanction Year	Approved Cost	Amount Released	Amount Utilized	Physical Progress (%)
1.	West Bengal	Development of Belur Math	2016-17	30.03	23.39	22.83	92%

Assistance to Central Agencies for Tourism Infrastructure Development Scheme**(Rs. in Crore)**

Sl. No.	State	Name of Projects	Central Agency	Amount Sanctioned	Amount Released	Amount Utilized	Status
Year 2017-18							
1.	West Bengal	Joint Development of Rampurhat Railway Station	M/o Railways	3.48	1.74	Utilization Certificate (UC) not received	Ongoing
2.	West Bengal	Joint Development	M/o Railways	3.87	1.93	Utilization Certificate	Ongoing

		of Tarakeshwar Railway Station				(UC) not received	
Year 2019-20							
3.	West Bengal	Joint Development of New Jalpaiguri Railway Station	M/o Railways	4.55	2.27	Utilization Certificate (UC) not received	Recomm ended by Ministry of Railways for short closure because the stations are selected under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme
