

Government of India  
Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION No. †1459**

To be answered on  
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**QUESTION**  
**Schemes to Promote Tourism**

†1459. SHRI NABA KUMAR SARANIA:

Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

- (a) the schemes being run to promote/encourage tourism in North Eastern States particularly in Assam and Bodoland Territorial Council;
- (b) whether any proposal from the Government of Assam and Bodoland Territorial Council regarding the above mention purpose has been received;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the total amount of funds released under various projects to the North Eastern States during the last five years?

**ANSWER**  
**The Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Development**  
**of North Eastern Region**  
**[Dr. Jitendra Singh]**

- (a) Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (MDoNER), under its North East Special Infrastructure Development Scheme (NESIDS) provides for 100% financial assistance to North Eastern States including Assam for taking up various projects of physical infrastructure relating to water supply, power, connectivity to

enhance tourism. For the North Eastern Council (NEC), regional tourism is one of the focussed sectors for North Eastern (NE) States. Projects for promotion of tourism in the region are sanctioned by NEC in consultation with eight North Eastern States and other stakeholders. Ministry of Tourism (MoT) provides special emphasis on the development and promotion of tourism for NE States. MoT implements Swadesh Darshan Scheme, Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spirituality Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD) and Fairs & Festival under Domestic Promotion and Publicity including Hospitality (DPPH) Scheme in the NE region.

(b) and (c) During 2020-21, NEC has received 6 project proposals with an estimated cost of Rs. 132.43 crore from State Government of Assam under Tourism Sector.

(d) During the last five years, Rs. 769.51 crore has been released under various projects of physical infrastructure viz. power; connectivity and watersupply to enhance tourism in NER. NEC has also released Rs. 195.63 crore under various projects to the NE States during last five years. MoT has released Rs. 980.15 crore under Swadesh Darshan Scheme to 8 NE States, Rs. 38.63 crore under PRASHAD Scheme to Assam, Nagaland and Meghalaya and Rs. 1221.22 crore under Fairs & Festivals under Domestic Promotion and Publicity including Hospitality (DPPH) to 8 NE States.

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