

Government of India
Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region

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QUESTION
Tourism Development in NER

5067. Smt. Rachna Banerjee:

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

- (a) the details of efforts being made to improve the tourism sector in the North Eastern Region (NER) and the manner in which the local communities are being involved in this growth;
- (b) whether it is true that the tourism has suffered a lot due to internal conflicts in some parts of North Eastern Region;
- (c) if so, the manner in which the Government is addressing the issue of the internal conflicts and ensuring peace and stability in the North Eastern States to create a conducive environment for development of the region as well as tourism; and
- (d) the role the local entrepreneurs and businesses play in the development of the region and the manner in which the Government is supporting their growth?

ANSWER
The Minister of State of the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region
(Dr. Sukanta Majumdar)

(a) to (d) Development and promotion of tourism sector, is undertaken by the respective State Governments/Union Territory Administrations. Ministry of Tourism complements the efforts of States/Union Territory Administrations including North Eastern States in promotion of Tourism. Ministry of Tourism under the schemes of 'Swadesh Darshan', 'National Mission on Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD)', '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 in the country including North Eastern Region. Ministry of Tourism also promotes various tourist destinations of North Eastern Region through various initiatives including promotional events, assistance to State Governments, stakeholders for organizing fairs and festivals, participation in exhibitions, website and social media. The Ministry has been organizing International Tourism Mart (ITM) in the North Eastern Region to showcase the tourism potential of North Eastern States of India. The latest edition of ITM was held in Kaziranga, Assam from 26th to 29th November, 2024. Through its Central Institutes of Hotel Management (CIHMs) at Guwahati and Shillong, Ministry of Tourism imparts professional education and training in the field of hospitality to create a pool of manpower sufficient to meet the needs of the tourism and hospitality industry. For projects sanctioned by Ministry of Tourism, Ministry of Tourism encourages the State Governments/UT Administrations for due consultation with local communities during preparation of projects. Ministry of Tourism under its scheme Capacity Building for Service Providers (CBSP) has undertaken various skill development programs to provide education, training and certification to the tourism service providers covering different level of Hospitality sector.

Further, promotion of tourism in the North Eastern Region is one of the focus sectors of Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (MDoNER). MDoNER under its scheme viz. North East Special Infrastructure Development Scheme (NESIDS), Prime Minister's Development Initiative for North East Region (PM-DevINE), Schemes of North Eastern Council etc. has sanctioned various infrastructure projects, which also support the tourism sector in North Eastern Region.

The details of Domestic Tourist Visits (DTV) and Foreign Tourist Visits (FTV) to North Eastern States during 2023 are given below:

S. No.	States	2023	
		DTV	FTV
i.	Arunachal Pradesh	10,40,601	4,496
ii.	Assam	76,12,720	23,818
iii.	Manipur	57,701	3,668
iv.	Meghalaya	13,71,674	19,973
v.	Mizoram	2,09,087	3,754
vi.	Nagaland	99,720	4,725
vii.	Sikkim	13,21,169	93,908
viii.	Tripura	3,66,104	66,708
	Total	1,20,78,776	2,21,050
