

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO.*215
ANSWERED ON 03.08.2026**

DEVELOPMENT OF TRIBAL TOURISM CIRCUIT IN ASSAM

***215. SHRI AMARSING TISSO:**

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to develop a dedicated Tribal Tourism Circuit covering Karbi Anglong and Dima Hasao districts of Assam;**
- (b) whether any proposal in this regard has been received from the State Government of Assam or the Autonomous Councils of the said districts;**
- (c) whether the Government proposes to provide Central financial assistance for the development of ropeways, eco-resorts, homestays, adventure tourism and interpretation centres in the said districts; and**
- (d) the details of the Central schemes under which such projects may be sanctioned along with the eligibility criteria for getting assistance thereunder?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (A) TO (D) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.*215 ANSWERED ON 03.08.2026 REGARDING DEVELOPMENT OF TRIBAL TOURISM CIRCUIT IN ASSAM RAISED BY SHRI AMARSING TISSO

(a) to (d): Identification, development and promotion of tourist destinations, including tribal tourism circuit is primarily undertaken by the concerned State Government (SG) /Union Territory Administration (UTA). However, the Ministry of Tourism through its schemes of ‘Swadesh Darshan (SD)’, ‘Swadesh Darshan 2.0 (SD2.0)’, ‘Challenge Based Destination Development (CBDD)’, a sub-scheme of SD2.0, and ‘Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD)’ complements the efforts of tourism infrastructure development by extending financial assistance to the SGs/UTAs.

The projects under the above Schemes are sanctioned subject to adherence to the scheme guidelines, submission of Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) by SG/UTA, availability of funds, Government directions, inter-se priority etc. Details of the projects sanctioned under these schemes of Ministry of Tourism in the state of Assam is annexed. In 2024-25, Government of India has also sanctioned the projects ‘Assam State Zoo Cum Botanical Garden in Guwahati’ for ₹97.12 Crore and ‘Beautification of Rang Ghar in Sivasagar’ for ₹94.76 Crore in the State of Assam under the initiative ‘Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment (SASCI) – Development of Iconic Tourist Centres to Global Scale’.

In addition, during the financial year 2025-26, the Ministry has initiated ‘Development of Homestays in Tribal Areas’ under Dharti Aaba Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan (DA – JGUA) scheme as a part of Swadesh Darshan

2.0 to promote community-based tourism and sustainable livelihoods in tribal areas and has sanctioned 5 projects in five states for an amount of ₹17.52 Crore.

The Swadesh Darshan Scheme was initially designed for the integrated development of thematic tourism circuits. The same had been revamped as Swadesh Darshan 2.0 adopting a destination-centric approach with a focus on developing sustainable and responsible tourism destinations to enhance visitor experience and effective destination management.

While, submission of proposals by the State Government/Autonomous Councils through the State Government (SG), is a continuous process, no proposal specific to Karbi Anglong and Dima Hasao districts of Assam is presently under consideration of the Ministry of Tourism.

Ministry of Tourism does not operate a separate, dedicated central sector scheme exclusively for ropeways, eco-resorts, adventure tourism or interpretation centres. However, such components have been part of project sanctioned by the Ministry for SGs/UTAs. Further, the Ministry has also formulated separate National Strategies for Eco-tourism and Adventure Tourism, which provide the broader policy framework for such interventions.

ANNEXURE**STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (A) TO (D) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.*215 ANSWERED ON 03.08.2026 REGARDING DEVELOPMENT OF TRIBAL TOURISM CIRCUIT IN ASSAM RAISED BY SHRI AMARSING TISSO**

(i) Details of the projects sanctioned under Swadesh Darshan Scheme in the State of Assam:

S. No.	Circuit/ Sanction Year	Name of the Project	Amount Sanctioned (in ₹ Crore)
1.	Wildlife 2015-16	Development of Manas–Probitora–Nameri–Kaziranga–Dibru–Saikhowa	94.68
2.	Heritage 2016-17	Development of Tezpur – Majuli – Sibsagar	90.98

(ii) Details of the projects sanctioned under Swadesh Darshan 2.0 Scheme in the State of Assam:

S. No.	Destination	Name of the Experience	Sanction Year	Sanctioned Cost (in ₹ Crore)
1.	Kokrajhar	Kokrajhar Wetland Experience	2023-24	26.68
2.	Jorhat	Reimagining Cinnamara Tea Estate	2023-24	23.88

(iii) Details of the projects sanctioned under Challenge Based Destination Development (CBDD) in the State of Assam:

S. No.	Destination / Category	Name of the Experience	Sanction Year	Sanctioned Cost (in ₹ Crore)
1.	Sivasagar (Eco-tourism and Amrit Dharohar Sites)	Panidhing Bird Sanctuary	2024-25	9.99

(iv) Details of the projects sanctioned under PRASHAD Scheme in the State of Assam:

S. No.	Sanction Year	Project Name	Sanction Amount (in ₹ Crore)
1.	2015-16	Development of Kamakhya Temple and Pilgrimage Destination in and around Guwahati	29.80
