

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO.*313
ANSWERED ON 10.08.2026**

TOURISM DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS IN WEST BENGAL

***313. DR. SHARMILA SARKAR:**

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of tourism projects sanctioned in West Bengal under various Central Sector schemes during the last five years, particularly those aimed at the conservation, restoration and promotion of the heritage and tourism potential of Bardhaman, Bankura, and Birbhum districts;**
- (b) the details of funds allocated, released and utilized by the said State under various tourism development schemes, scheme-wise during the last five years; and**
- (c) whether the Central Government proposes to sanction any new tourism development projects for the said State during the current financial year and if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

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

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (A) TO (C) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.*313 ANSWERED ON 10.08.2026 REGARDING TOURISM DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS IN WEST BENGAL RAISED BY DR. SHARMILA SARKAR

(a) to (b): Identification, development and promotion of tourist destinations and products, 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 ‘National Mission on Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD)’ complements the efforts of tourism infrastructure development by extending financial assistance to the SGs/UTAs including the State of West Bengal ; subject to adherence to scheme guidelines, submission of Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) by them, availability of funds, Government directions, inter-se priority etc. under these schemes.

The details of tourism projects sanctioned in West Bengal under various Central Sector schemes during the last five years are Annexed at Annexure.

(c): Sanctioning of proposal is a continuous process. Destinations and projects are selected/sanctioned based on proposals received from the States/UTs, their appraisal as per the Scheme Guidelines and availability of funds. Accordingly, the Swadesh Darshan portal has been opened and proposals have been invited from all State Governments/Union Territory Administrations for consideration under the SD 2.0 Scheme. Eligible proposals received from West Bengal, as well as from other States/UTs, are considered in accordance with the extant Guidelines and subject to appraisal and availability of funds.

ANNEXURE**STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (A) TO (B) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.*313 ANSWERED ON 10.08.2026 REGARDING TOURISM DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS IN WEST BENGAL RAISED BY DR. SHARMILA SARKAR****List of sanctioned projects under PRASHAD Scheme as on 05.06.2026****(in ₹ Crore)**

S. No.	State	Sanction Year	Project Name	Sanction Amount	Amount Released	Amount Utilised
1	West Bengal	2016-17	Development of Belur Math	30.03	28.30	23.39

List of Projects Sanctioned under the Scheme Assistance to Central Agencies**(in ₹ Crore)**

S. No	Agency	Name of Project	State	Sanction Year	Amount sanctioned	Amount Released	Utilized Amount
1	NHIDCL	Development of 22 viewpoints in North Eastern State (i) Nagaland (2 view points) - Rs.5.77 Cr. (ii) Meghalaya (3 view points) - Rs.6.26 Cr. (iii) Mizoram (9 view points) - Rs.12.78 Cr. (iv) Arunachal Pradesh (4 view points) - Rs.6.25 Cr. (v) Manipur (3 view points)-	Nagaland, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Arunachal Pradesh, Manipal Sikkim/ West Bengal	2022-2023	44.44	35.55	35.55

		Rs. 5.93 Cr.					
		(vi) Sikkim/West Bengal (1 view point)- Rs.3.70 Cr.					
2		Rampurhat Railway Station	West Bengal	2017-2018	3.48	1.74	0
3		Tarakeshwar Railway Station	West Bengal	2017-2018	3.87	1.93	0
4		New Jalpaiguri Railway Station	West Bengal	2019-2020	4.55	2.27	2.0

Swadesh Darshan scheme

(in ₹ Crore)

S. No.	State/ UT	Circuit/ Sanction Year	Name of the Project	Amount Sanctioned	Amount Released/ Authorized for Utilization	Amount Utilized
1.	West Bengal	Coastal 2015-16	Development of Beach Circuit: Udaipur- Digha- Shankarpur- Tajpur- Mandarmani- Fraserganj- Bakkhilai- Henry Island	67.99	65.07	65.07
