

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA  
STARRED QUESTION NO.†\*7  
ANSWERED ON 04.02.2019**

**NEW TOURISM PROJECTS**

**†\*7. SHRI LALLU SINGH:**

**Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has recently proposed to launch new tourism projects to promote tourism at large scale in the country;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether the Government has sanctioned such projects for West Bengal which has immense potential for tourism development; and**
- (d) if so, the details thereof?**

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)  
(SHRI K.J. ALPHONS)**

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

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**STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA  
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REGARDING NEW TOURISM PROJECTS.**

**(a) and (b): Ministry of Tourism has taken several initiatives for development and promotion of tourism at large scale in the country which includes the following:**

- i. Launched the Swadesh Darshan Scheme with a vision to develop theme based tourist circuits.**
- ii. Launched the National Mission on Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD) Scheme for holistic development of identified pilgrimage destinations.**
- iii. Identified 17 Iconic Tourist sites in the country for development.**
- iv. Launched the Adopt a Heritage Project for development and maintenance of tourist amenities at heritage sites/monuments and other tourist sites.**
- v. Development and promotion of 'Niche Tourism' products to attract tourist with specific interest and to ensure repeat visits for the unique products in which India has a comparative advantage.**
- vi. Launched 24x7 toll free Multi-Lingual Tourist Helpline.**
- vii. Promoting India as a holistic tourism destination including its various tourism sites and products through Incredible India 2.0 Campaign in important and potential tourism generating markets.**
- viii. Providing facility of e-Visa for 5 sub-categories i.e. e-Tourist visa, e-Business visa, e-Medical visa, e-Medical Attendant visa and e-Conference visa for nationals of 166 countries.**

**(c) and (d): Ministry of Tourism has sanctioned projects having potential for tourism development in West Bengal under its various schemes which is given at Annexure.**

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**ANNEXURE****STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (c) AND (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.†\*7 ANSWERED ON 04.02.2019 REGARDING NEW TOURISM PROJECTS.****Swadesh Darshan Scheme****(Rs. in Crore)**

| <b>Sl. No.</b>      | <b>State</b>       | <b>Name of the Circuit</b> | <b>Name of the Project</b>  | <b>Amt. Sanctioned</b> | <b>Amt. Released</b> |
|---------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|---|------------------------|----------------------|
| <b>Year 2015-16</b> |                    |                            |   |                        |                      |
| <b>1.</b>           | <b>West Bengal</b> | <b>Coastal Circuit</b>     | <b>Development of Beach Circuit: Udaipur- Digha- Shankarpur- Tajpur- Mandarmani- Fraserganj- Bakkhilai- Henry Island in West Bengal</b> | <b>85.39</b>           | <b>61.96</b>         |

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

| <b>Sl. No.</b>      | <b>State</b>       | <b>Name of the Project</b>  | <b>Project Cost</b> | <b>Amt. Released</b> |
|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| <b>Year 2016-17</b> |                    |                             |                     |                      |
| <b>1.</b>           | <b>West Bengal</b> | <b>Development of Belur</b> | <b>30.03</b>        | <b>23.39</b>         |

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

| <b>Sl. No.</b> | <b>Name of Project</b>   | <b>Division(s)</b>     | <b>Amount Sanctioned</b> | <b>Amount Released</b> | <b>Date of Release</b> |
|----------------|--|------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| <b>1.</b>      | <b>Joint Development of Tourism Amenities at Rampurhat Railway Station</b>   | <b>Howrah Division</b> | <b>3.48</b>              | <b>1.74</b>            | <b>29.03.2018</b>      |
| <b>2.</b>      | <b>Joint Development of Tourism Amenities at Tarakeshwar Railway Station</b> | <b>Howrah Division</b> | <b>3.86</b>              | <b>1.93</b>            | <b>29.03.2018</b>      |

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