

GUIDELINE FOR 'ASSAM DARSHAN'
(Component (iii) to be implemented by T & D Deptt).

Assam is blessed with verdant scenic beauty and glorious cultural heritage to offer to the world. Moreover it possesses tourist places of religious and historical importance and richness of tradition and culture of diverse ethnic population. To preserve and to give an exposure of these places of tourist interest and rich culture and heritage, tourism development initiative has been undertaken launching a new scheme viz. 'Assam Darshan' from the year 2019-20.

The whole scheme is divided into four components –

- i) Annuity grant to Devalayas
- ii) Improving basic infrastructure of places of natural beauty and historical significance
- iii) Improving key infrastructure in religious places.
- iv) Improved connectivity for visitors.

Improving key infrastructure in religious places :- (Component (iii) in ASSAM DARSHAN) Assam has a rich diversity of religious places which are also of historical importance. These include Temples, Thans, Satras, Churches, Dargahs, Masjids, common ritual places of various ethnic communities Buddha Bihars etc. But lack of essential facilities create problems for the visitors to the temples, thans, churches. Rs.10.00 lakh will be given to each of the identified 1008 religious places to strengthen and improve the basic infrastructure in and around these sites. The work for Rs.10.00 lakh may be a part of a composite project for the site. Deputy Commissioners of concerned districts should prepare a Master plan of which works with Rs.10.00 lakh will be a component. . While preparing the Master plan it should be kept in mind that the original look should be consciously preserved. All works should match with and blend with the architecture, design and layout of the original structures of the complex and the natural beauty of the site. Highest stress should be put on quality and aesthetics, and appearance of the new constructions should be pleasing to the eye, where appropriate original designs , motifs and images should be replicated. During the current year 2019-20, an amount of Rs.100.00 crore has been

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budgeted in this regard. If total cost of the project is bigger in nature, then a part project may be undertaken for such places within the limit of Rs. 10.00 lakh.

1. The following works may be taken up in the 1st phase under the scheme :

- a) Providing drinking water facilities.
- b) Construction of Public toilets with running water.
- c) Construction of visitor's Rest Rooms.
- d) Construction of parking places for parking of vehicle.
- e) Setting up CCTV cameras, if necessary.

All such works, except for CCTVs, should be constructed at a distance from the shrine/ main structure.

2. In the next phase, the following works may be taken :

- a) Construction of Parks and Gardens in & around the identified establishment.
- b) Construction of mini museum building for display of original images, antiques, artifacts, documents etc.
- c) Establishment of Garbage disposal mechanism.
- d) Drainage.
- e) Internal footpath,
- f) Boundary wall.
- g) Renovation/establishment of new electrical system.
- h) Learning centers for related culture/rituals.

3. Salient features :

The works under Assam Darshan shall primarily for asset creation and no purchase of inventory under revenue expenditure should be allowed. The project shall be prepared on the basis of the following criteria :

- a) The type of works should be such that these could be completed in one or two working seasons i.e. within the same financial year.
- b) Structure should be environment friendly, aesthetic in appearance and match/gel with the existing structure. Stress must be on the preservation of natural beauty.
- c) The projects should lead to the creation of durable assets.

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- d) The projects should be for development works based on needs of the establishment.
- e) The projects should be visible in nature.

4. The following type of works shall not be allowed under the scheme :

- a) Repair and maintenance work of any type as distinct from expansion and renovation work.
- b) Grant and loans.
- c) Purchase of inventory or any purchase.
- d) Acquisition of land or any compensation for land acquired.

5. Implementation & Procedure :

- a) T & D Department will be the nodal deptt. for implementation of the above.
- b) Deputy Commissioner with the concerned establishment will prepare a vision documents alongwith project component worth Rs.10.00 lakh and submit to T & D Department for consideration. T & D Department in turn release the money to the Deputy Commissioner concerned. Then the Deputy Commissioner will prepare estimate and implement the scheme.
- c) Deputy Commissioners should ensure that provision for maintenance of scheme taken up under Assam Darshan will be consonance with the concern of respective establishment.

6. Implementing Agency :

The fund under Assam Darshan scheme will be implemented by the implementing committee constituted from Institutions, Trusts, Samitee etc. under the supervision of Deputy Commissioner. And the Committee will be accountable to the district authority and to audit and accounts. Completion of works should be certified by the technical officers of the Implementing Committee concerned. The D.C. will constitute the Construction Committee where one Govt. servant will be either President or Member Secretary. A Technical member will be nominated from line Deptt. Other Members can be from Managing Committee of the said Institution.

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7. Name of the Religious Places :

The proposed religious places should be specifically mentioned whether it is Than, Satra, Mandir etc. For the year 2019-20, the 1008 listed establishment may not be exhaustive one. Scheme specific separate instruction needs to adhered to depending upon nature of proposals.

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