

The Assam Tourism (Development & Registration) (Amendment) Bill, 2026

A Bill

further to amend the Assam Tourism (Development & Registration) Act, 2024.

Preamble

Whereas it is expedient further to amend the Assam Tourism (Development & Registration) Act, 2024 hereinafter referred as the principal Act in the manner hereinafter appearing;

Assam Act
No. XIII of
2024

It is hereby enacted in the Seventy-seventh Year of the Republic as follows:—

Short title,
extent and
commencement

1. (a) This Act shall be called The Assam Tourism (Development & Registration) (Amendment) Act, 2026.
- (b) It shall have the like extent as the principal Act.
- (c) It shall come into force at once.

Amendment of
section 9

2. In the principal Act in section 9, after the sub-section (2), the following sub-section (3) shall be inserted, namely—

“Power to order
closure of any
service

- (3) If after removal of an applicant’s name from the register under this Act, any service provider continues to provide tourism services in contravention of this Act, the Authority shall order closure of such tourism services forthwith apart from imposing penalty as per provisions of this Act.”

Insertion of
section 18A

3. In the principal Act, after section 18, the following new section 18A shall be inserted, namely—

“Reporting of the
persons using
accommodation
to services
jurisdictional
Police authority

- 18A. Every service provider, engaged in providing tourist accommodation services like Hotels, Motels, Resorts, Service Apartments, Heritage Bungalows, Homestays, Bed and Breakfast, Tentted Accommodation and any such services, shall maintain visitors register, in such form as may be prescribed and shall report to the jurisdictional Police Authority, about every such person who resorted to accommodation services during the preceding day or night.”

Insertion of
section 24A

4. In the principal Act, after section 24, the following new section 24A shall be inserted, namely:—

“Power to realize
the penalty in
case of default

- 24A. In the event of default in payment of the fine by any service provider, the fine amount imposed on the service provider for contravening any provision of this Act, shall be treated as revenue arrear due to the Government and the same shall be realized in the manner as prescribed in the Bengal Public Demands Recovery Act, 1913.”

Bengal Act.III
of 1913


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03.07.2026

Repeal and
savings

5. (1) The Sarais Act, 1867 is hereby repealed to the extent relating to the State of Assam.
- (2) Notwithstanding such repeal, anything done or any action taken under the Act, so repealed, shall be deemed to have been validly done or taken under the provisions of this Act and shall continue to have effect accordingly unless and until superseded by any action taken or anything done under this Act.
- (3) All references in any enactment to any of the provisions of this Act so repealed shall be confirmed as references to the corresponding provisions of this Act.

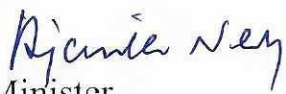
Act No XXII
of 1867


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Statement of objects and Reasons

The object of the Bill is to bring in amendment of the Assam Tourism (Development & Registration) Act, 2024 on the following grounds -

1. The bill proposes to bring in a new provision in the sub-section under Section 9 empowering the Authority i.e., the Director of Tourism to order closure of Tourism Services that violates any or more of the provisions of the Act.
2. The bill proposes to bring in a new provision as Section 18-A in pursuance of which the Tourism Service Provider, engaged in providing tourist accommodation services, shall report to the jurisdictional Police Authority, about every person who resorted to such accommodation services during the preceding day or night in the interest of safety and security of the society at large.
3. The bill proposes to bring in a new provision as Section 24- Aempowering the Authority i.e., the Director of Tourism realise the penalty imposed on any defaulter for contravention of any or more provisions of the Act. The default amount shall be treated as revenue arrear due to the Government and the same shall be realised in the manner as prescribed in The Bengal Public Demands Recovery Act 1913 (as amended and applied to Assam).
4. As the Assam Tourism (Development & Registration) Act, 2024 has been enacted and given effect in the State, therefore, it necessitates repeal of the old colonial legislation the Sarai Act, 1867. This Bill proposes to repeal the existing Sarai Act, 1867.


Minister,
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Assam, Dispur.


Secretary,
Assam Legislative Assembly

FINANCIAL MEMORANDUM

The proposed Bill will not lead to any expenditure from the Consolidated Fund of the State of Assam.

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MEMORANDUM OF DELEGATED LEGISLATION.

The Bill involves no proposals for delegation of legislative power to anyone.

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